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Poll tax fury as ministers lash Heseltine

Leader of backbench revolt 'is a stooge'

By Richard Ford and Philip Webster

The Government tonight faces one of its most serious backbench revolts since 1979 amid extraordinary public bitterness between Ministers and rebel Conservative MPs, including Mr Michael Heseltine.

Although the Government's three-figure Commons majority in danger of falling to around 30 or less in a vote on the poll tax, yesterday it maintained its unprecedented assault on Conservative backbench rebels, and in particular on Mr Heseltine.

The former Cabinet Minister, who resigned during the Westland crisis, was accused

Labour is closing on safe Tories

Labour is winning over twice as many defectors from the Alliance as the Government, according to the most detailed survey of political opinions since the general election.

A MORI survey of more than 11,000 adults in the first quarter of 1988 confirms that Labour has been closing the gap on the Conservatives, though without threatening the solid Tory lead which remains at 8 per cent compared with 11 per cent at the General Election last June.

Labour's vote is up 6 per cent since last June while the Tory vote is up three points. In Scotland the Labour lead has doubled.

Support for the Democrats and the SDP, has dwindled from 23 per cent then to only 14 per cent.

That is split 8 per cent for the SLD or Democrats, now jointly led by Mr David Steel and Mr Robert Maclean, and 6 per cent for Dr David Owen's SDP. Concern with the National Health Service has tripled since June.

Among those questioned, 10 per cent more were satisfied with Mrs Thatcher's performance than those with Mr Kinnock's.

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of instigating the rebellion on the flagship legislation of Mrs Thatcher's third term to further his own ambition to lead the party.

He was depicted as the *eminence grise* behind an amendment from Mr Michael

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Mates, Conservative MP for Hampshire East, which aims to make the poll tax fairer by introducing a banding system based on ability to pay.

Mr Heseltine, who has been assiduously cultivating Conservative grassroots since he left the Cabinet, was accused by senior Government sources of "speakeading" the revolt.

They said he was guilty of a serious misjudgement in putting himself at the forefront of a campaign led by Conservative MPs motivated by disaffection with the Government rather than genuine opposition to the community charge.

A Whitehall source, recalling the affair that led to Mr Heseltine's resignation, said: "This is further evidence of his lack of judgement, as was shown at the time of Westland."

"It is unfortunate but rather a lot of people resent the way he has used Michael Mates".

The strong personal criticism of Mr Heseltine's alleged role in co-ordinating the revolt, brought an angry response from both Mr Heseltine and his close colleague Mr Mates.

Supporters of the Mates amendment said the Government had resorted to attacking personalities because they knew they had not got a case for a flat-rate community charge.

Mr Heseltine said that when he was opposed to something people knew he was against it. "When I stand for a cause, I do it in my own name and not behind somebody else's shadow."

But in words that will fuel Ministerial suspicions about his long-term motives, he said that, along with Mr Norman Tebbit, he had persuaded the Government to disband the Inner London Education Authority. He was also trying

to constrain development in the south and spread wealth more widely across the country, he added.

Mr Mates denied that he was "Mr Heseltine's stooge", saying: "Do I look like anyone's stooge?"

Government sources belittled the strategy and the amendment from Mr Mates, saying the two backbenchers had failed to think through the consequences of defeat and that the clause was riddled with disadvantages.

It would lead to large increases in the community charge for people starting to pay income tax and for others moving from basic rate to the higher rate, and posed major administrative difficulties.

Mr Michael Howard, Minister of State at the Department of the Environment with responsibility for local government, ruled out further last minute concessions to the rebels. He said: "I don't think we can offer further concessions. We have made improved proposals to meet their concerns. I am confident we shall have a healthy majority."

Government sources fiercely attacked the rebels, saying they appeared not to realise that if the Government was defeated on such a crucial part of its programme it could face a motion of censure from the Labour opposition and might have to repeal its Scottish poll tax legislation.

Labour has yet to decide its tactics in the event of a Government defeat or a humiliatingly low majority. It is argued that putting down a motion of censure would automatically force the Conservatives to close ranks behind the Prime Minister.

The Government whips believe they have contained tonight's rebellion to a hard core 35 or so Tory MPs and this figure is not disputed by the rebels. But it would cut the Government's majority by 70 and its difficulties are increased by the fact that the Labour Party and the Ulster Unionists are voting with the rebels.

Since last Thursday's concession over poll tax rebates, several MPs including Mr Henry Bellingham, Sir Geoffrey Nicholas, and Sir Geoffrey

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Marathon men call for Budd backing

Britain 'should pull out of Seoul'

By Andrew Moger and Ruth Gledhill

Two top British sportsmen yesterday backed Zola Budd in a dispute over her links with South Africa and said the entire British Olympic team should be prepared to risk being banned from the Seoul games later this year.

They said they would rather the entire British involvement in the Seoul games was sacrificed than see the British Amateur Athletic Board pressured into suspending her. Kevin Foster and Hugh Jones put their own athletic careers in doubt after leading performances in the Mars London Marathon had apparently guaranteed them places in the British Olympics team.

ALL THE FINISHERS

Only *The Times* lists all the marathon finishers, and their times, starting today and continuing until Wednesday page 39
Full story and more photographs page 44

On Saturday the International Amateur Athletic Federation told the governing body of British athletics it should act against the South African-born runner, who holds a British passport.

The federation claims Miss Budd, a long distance runner, broke its rules by "participating" in a cross country race in South Africa last year. It wants a 12 months' ban.

The British Amateur Athletic Board is due to discuss the issue later this week. If the board avoids suspending her, the federation's council has said it will look at the possibility of punishing Britain, a threat taken to include banning the British squad.

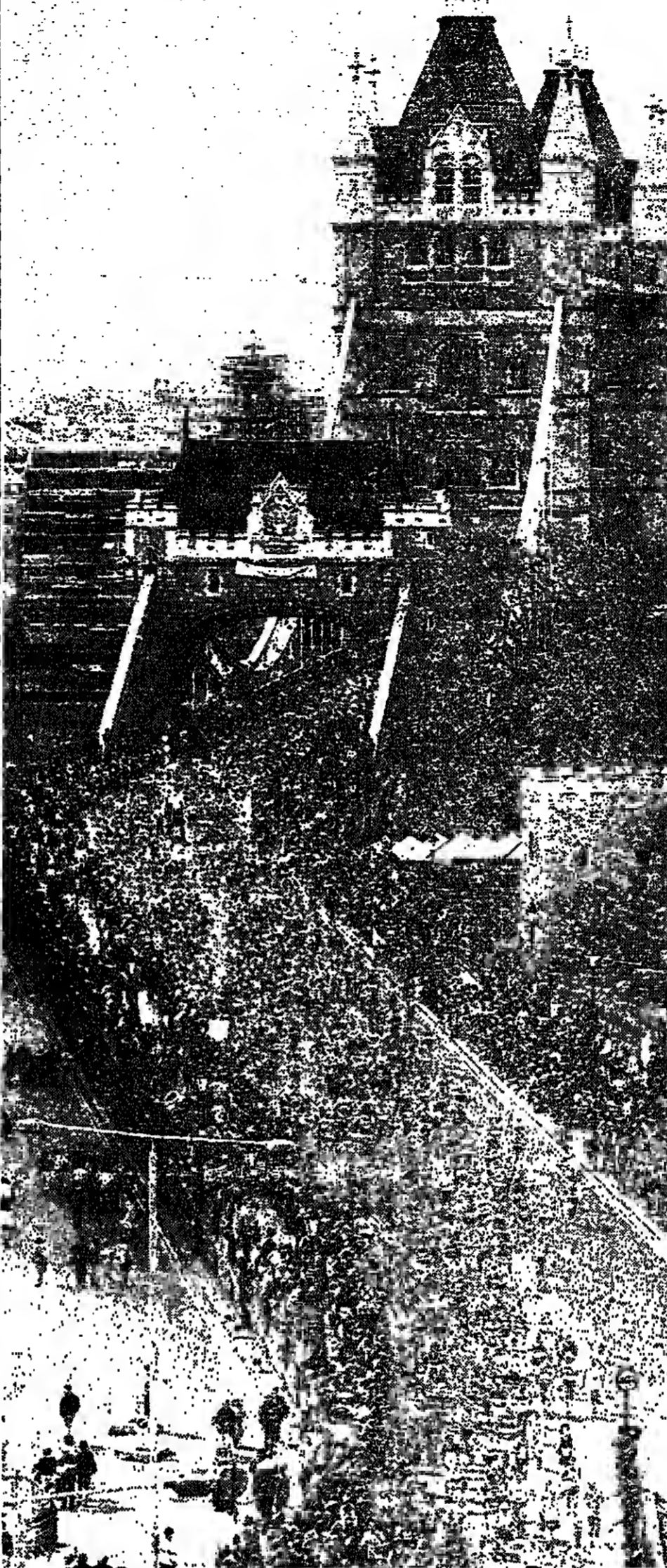
Mr Jones said: "It is a matter of blackmail by the IAAF. I think she should be backed all the way by the board and I am prepared to take suspension of the whole team on her behalf."

He said any failure by the board to support Miss Budd would "be a message that they are spineless and without principle."

Mr Foster, who came second in yesterday's marathon, said: "If the charges made against her are the only charges, we should back her even at the expense of the British team in Seoul."

Last night the amateur athletic board said members had already expressed anger at the federation's recommendation to suspend Miss Budd.

More than 22,000 runners raised £7 million for charity in the London marathon, the world's largest running event.



A Sunday rush hour on Tower Bridge yesterday as some of the thousands of runners in the Mars London Marathon reach halfway point in the race (Photograph: John Rogers).

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New test for shares

Exactly six months ago shares prices crashed on Black Monday. Markets this morning face another stiff test after falls in the dollar. A review begins on page 26.

Barclays faces cash call row

Barclays Bank faces a fresh crisis as US investors threaten to spurn its \$921 million cash call. Mr Brian Pierce, its finance director, flies out this week to calm American fears. Page 25

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ITN plans working changes

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

The 15-strong board of ITN will meet this afternoon to approve plans that will lead to far-reaching changes to its operations, aimed at substantial savings and possible cuts in staff levels.

The meeting comes as the two unions directly affected begin planning a merger to form a 60,000-member "super union" to fight attacks from the Government and the ITV companies.

The Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians (ACTT) and the Broadcasting and Entertainment Alliance (BETA) took the decision to merge at their annual conferences held in Brighton and London over the weekend.

ITN, which has been operating for 33 years, receives £55 million from the ITV companies and Channel 4 for its news services. It intends to streamline its operation and widen its activities in the new government-sponsored climate of de-regulation within the industry.

Today's board meeting is expected to approve the recruitment of more directors from the business world, and to seek capital investment for expansion.

Although ACTT voted at its conference against strike action in protest at changes in working practices, delegates at reiterated their support for striking members at TV-am who were dismissed.

All of the ITV companies are looking for cost savings and staff cuts and the Government has asked the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to look into alleged restrictive practices in the industry.

Today's ITN board meeting is expected to discuss a new generation of television news gathering equipment, which would do away with the "crew" system of news gathering.

The company has been investigating buying 30 of the

latest Japanese cameras, which combine the function of sound, lighting and cameraman into one unit. According to Mr Paul Mathews, deputy chief executive of ITN, they can now be purchased for £18,000 each.

He would not speculate on the affect such equipment would have on manning levels, but said some staff reductions would be inevitable as a result of its introduction. "We expect to see considerable changes in working methods by the time we move into our new building in Gray's Inn Road in 1990."

"New technology will have to be installed into that building to complement the equipment we intend to buy, but we expect that between 60 and 70 per cent of what we want will be achievable and working by the time we move."

Mr David Nicholas, ITN's chief executive, would not go into details about today's meeting.

Passenger warns of 'our dark fate'

From Philip Jacobson, Algiers

The gruelling ordeal of the hostages on board flight KU422 continued yesterday with a breakthrough apparently as far away as ever.

The Algerian negotiators were clearly still unable to persuade the Kuwaiti Government delegation here to reconsider their flat refusal to contemplate the release of any of the 17 terrorist prisoners in the Emirate whose freedom the hijackers are demanding.

Despite the hijackers' assurances yesterday that they would not spill any blood on Algerian territory, the accumulated tension and fatigue must now be telling.

warned that unless Kuwait released all of the 17, "our fate will be a dark one".

The Algerian authorities yesterday abruptly expelled hundreds of reporters from the airport's VIP lounge where they had been allowed to stay for nearly a week. The journalists moved into tents, erected by Algerian security men, on a nearby lawn. About the same time, police, armed with pistols, took up positions on the roof of the terminal building facing the plane.

An official said the lounge was urgently needed for Arab ambassadors expected to arrive for a possible expansion of the continuing negotiations.

For all the hijackers' "professionalism", and their announcement yesterday that they would give the Algerians more time to seek a solution, their failure to trap Kuwait's nerve could soon leave them

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Kremlin wants joint Middle East role with US

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The official Soviet Communist Party newspaper, *Pravda*, yesterday said the superpower co-operation which led to last week's Geneva accords on Afghanistan could be used to resolve the conflicts in the Middle East.

The controversial call came amid growing signs of Moscow's determination to play a greater role in the Middle East and claims from both Western and Arab diplomatic sources that it will prove a major issue when the US and Soviet foreign ministers meet here on Thursday to plan the agenda for next month's Moscow summit.

Edvard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, is due to visit the region soon, though this has yet to be announced officially. When asked about the visit in Geneva, he replied: "I have my own secrets and I would not like to reveal them all. But if it would help matters, I am ready to go."

There have also been repeated diplomatic reports in Moscow that when Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, who recently returned from two Middle East trips to promote the new US peace plan, arrives here for talks on Thursday he will be bringing senior State Department Middle East experts.

Pravda, claiming that the Geneva accords provided a breakthrough in perceptions of ways to the peaceful

resolution of regional problems, added: "What likewise draws attention is that the Soviet Union and the United States, for the first time, acted jointly as intermediaries and guarantors of the settlement of a regional problem."

"This can become a key to unblocking such 'fossilized' conflicts as, say, the Middle Eastern one. A realistic interaction of Washington and Moscow rather than total rivalry would allow third countries to orientate their foreign policies respectively."

The *Pravda* commentary followed earlier remarks by Mr Shevardnadze, who said after Thursday's historic ceremony in Geneva: "The signing will certainly stimulate a positive solution of other regional problems, including the Middle East."

"We have a very active dialogue on the issue with the United States, with Arab states and the Palestinians, and with other countries. I would say without exaggeration that good prospects are now opening up for a resolution to the Middle East problem. But so far it is all potential, and this potential has to be utilized."

He was speaking only a few days after Mr Mikhail Gorbachev made plain, in Kremlin talks with Mr Yasser Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, that recognition of the state of Israel was an essential part of the Middle East solution.

Senior Arab diplomats who studied the text of Mr Gorbachev's remarks as published by *Pravda* noted that,

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Gatwick safety inquiry urged

Mr Iain Sproat, a former minister of aviation, is being pressed to raise the dangers of Gatwick airport with the Prime Minister after the near miss between two holiday jets at the airport last week.

Mr Sproat has been briefed by airlines and pilots. They are concerned about safety risks at the airport, where an emergency runway is being used every night while the main runway is resurfaced. Pilots said yesterday that part of the passenger terminal and the apron was directly in line with the emergency runway. The glare from planes and buildings was a serious hazard to pilots approaching the runway from the west at night.

In last week's incident, a British Island Airways jet landed on the taxiway forcing a manoeuvring British Airways jet to swerve on to the grass.

Chemical war protest

Leading British scientists are launching a campaign to halt what they fear is the start of a chemical weapons arms race. Professor Steven Rose of the Open University said: "In March the Iraqi government used chemical weapons for the first time against a civilian population. This is an escalation of the gravest significance and a flagrant breach of the 1925 Geneva Protocol." The campaign has the support of more than 54 scientists in British universities who are calling for the establishment of an international tribunal to review evidence on the use of chemical warfare and international legal action against any government responsible for breaches of the Geneva convention and denial of the technology to those in the Gulf conflict.

Case against hanging

Five men wrongly convicted of murder could have had the penalty been available, the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders said yesterday launching a campaign against the restoration of capital punishment, due to be debated next month in the Commons. The cases are: Patrick Meehan, pardoned after serving six years; Albert Taylor, conviction quashed after five years; John Prece, freed and awarded £77,000 compensation; Michael McMahon and David Cooper, released by the Home Secretary because of doubts as to guilt.

Nurses 'wait and see'

Leaders of Britain's 500,000 nurses said last night that they would "wait and see" if the Government would meet in full the independent review body's recommendations for nurses and midwives' pay. The Government is expected to pay the nurses an average 12.5 per cent rise. The Royal College of Nursing said it had been down the same road before and had been disappointed.

Three on PC charge

Three men have been charged with the murder of Police Constable Frank Mason, who was shot dead while trying to foil a bank raid in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, on Thursday. Charles McGhee and James Hurley, of Luton, and Perry Wharrie, of south London, appeared before magistrates at Hertford on Saturday. Robert MacFarland, of Luton, was charged with assisting the officer's alleged killers.

Emblem ruling soon

The Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Allan Green, QC, is expected to decide this week if the Labour Party and Tribune, the left-wing newspaper, should be prosecuted for alleged illegal use of the Red Cross emblem. It is alleged the party used a variant on leaflets and lapel badges as part of its campaign for increased spending on the National Health Service on the eve of the Budget.

Union move to defuse Prescott's challenge

By Roland Radd

The leaders of Britain's two largest trade unions last night launched an initiative aimed at forcing Mr John Prescott to withdraw from the election for the deputy leader of the Labour Party.

Mr Ron Todd, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, and Mr John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB general union, who command just under almost two million votes at the Labour Party conference, said they would ensure that the role of the deputy leadership would be debated at this year's party conference, thereby fulfilling the prime reason for Mr Prescott's candidature.

The two general secretaries said that since Mr Prescott's candidature had been based on the role of the deputy leadership should be changed from a purely parliamentary basis to a broader campaigning role there would be no need for him to stand if that issue was given full airing at the party conference.

Mr Sam McCuskie, general secretary of the National Union of Seaman, which has nominated him for the deputy leadership, has already tabled a motion for a full debate on the role of the deputy leadership.

However, the NUS, Mr Prescott's union, which commands a block vote of only 25,000, is in no position to force its will on a Labour conference.

Mr Todd and Mr Edmonds are confident that they can, and last night they said they would ensure that Mr Prescott had the debate for which he has strenuously argued.

The general secretaries will approach Mr Prescott to try to persuade him to withdraw his candidacy.

Mr Edmonds said: "If John does not withdraw he's going to have to say why he wants to continue to run when his basic demand for a serious debate on the role of the deputy leadership (which I have some

sympathies with) has been assured".

The trade union leaders launched their initiative in an effort to narrow the battle between the hard left and the leadership. There is a widespread feeling within the trade union movement that whereas Mr Roy Hattersley would easily beat Mr Eric Heffer, he would be run very close and could ultimately lose to Mr Prescott.

Both Mr Todd and Mr Edmonds do not want the election and are anxious to minimize the damage of a bruising six-month fight.

They believe that a convincing win by Mr Neil Kinnock and Mr Hattersley could ultimately benefit the party. A close-run result over the deputy leadership would spoil their plans for a triumphant win by the present leadership of the Labour Party.

Mr Edmonds wants Labour's national executive committee to set up a working party on the role of the deputy leadership and to look into Mr Prescott's proposals that it should have a strong organizational base instead of being defined as a purely parliamentary role.

The trade union leaders realize only too well that the last time Mr Prescott withdrew from the race after pressure from his own union he was bitterly upset when Mr Kinnock squashed his hopes for a debate on the deputy leadership.

That debate will take place and there will be intense pressure once again on Mr Prescott to withdraw from the race. At the very least, the latest initiative will seriously undermine his chances if he decides to ignore the trade unions' advice and fight on to the conference.

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Ferry strikers vote to stay out



Mr Sam McCuskie, leader of the seamen's union, addressing P&O crews at Dover yesterday (Photograph: Paul Amos).

By John Spicer
Employment Affairs Correspondent

P&O ferry crews based at Dover voted overwhelmingly yesterday to continue their 11-week strike. After a meeting of about 1,500 of the 2,300 striking seamen at Dover, at which only 25 voted against the motion, angry company officials accused NUS leaders of lying to their members.

Mr Peter Thomas, director of corporate affairs for P&O European Ferries, urged employees to contact a special telephone "hotline" to hear the true position. Yesterday's meeting voted on a resolution that the company's latest offer did not represent the options put forward by the conciliation service Acas.

But last night Mr Roger Wilkins, deputy general secretary of the NUS, said: "We are not telling lies to our members. All we have here is the same cake with different icing. People are still being asked to work extra hours without being paid for them and we think that is wrong."

Passengers were evacuated from a Sealink ferry at Dun Laoghaire in the Irish Republic yesterday after a small explosion and fire in the engine room. An injured crewman was taken to hospital.

Dispute looms on police pay review

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Police negotiators are proposing a 13.5 per cent pay rise for officers this year to include money lost in previous years because of changes in the basis of pay calculations.

The Police Federation says proposals by local authorities and the Home Office would cut the pay of new recruits, making the service less attractive, particularly in London.

The sides are to meet again in July and there are growing fears of confrontation.

Pay awards for the police, made each September, are based on the average of an index of underlying pay trends. This year police are likely to get about 8.5 per cent.

The federation, which represents officers up to the rank of superintendent, is arguing

that police should get an extra 5 per cent to compensate for the 1984 award when factors such as strikes and delayed settlements were taken into account.

The employers have told the federation that policemen have done better than groups of manual workers since 1978.

Proposals opposed by the federation include no pay rise for a police constable after one year's service, a review of pay for all the constable levels and the end of special allowances for London constables until they have served five years.

An 8.5 per cent increase would give an experienced constable a rise of £892 and a chief superintendent £2,312. A 13.5 per cent rise would give them £1,412 and £3,672 respectively.

Top people's rises in efficiency study

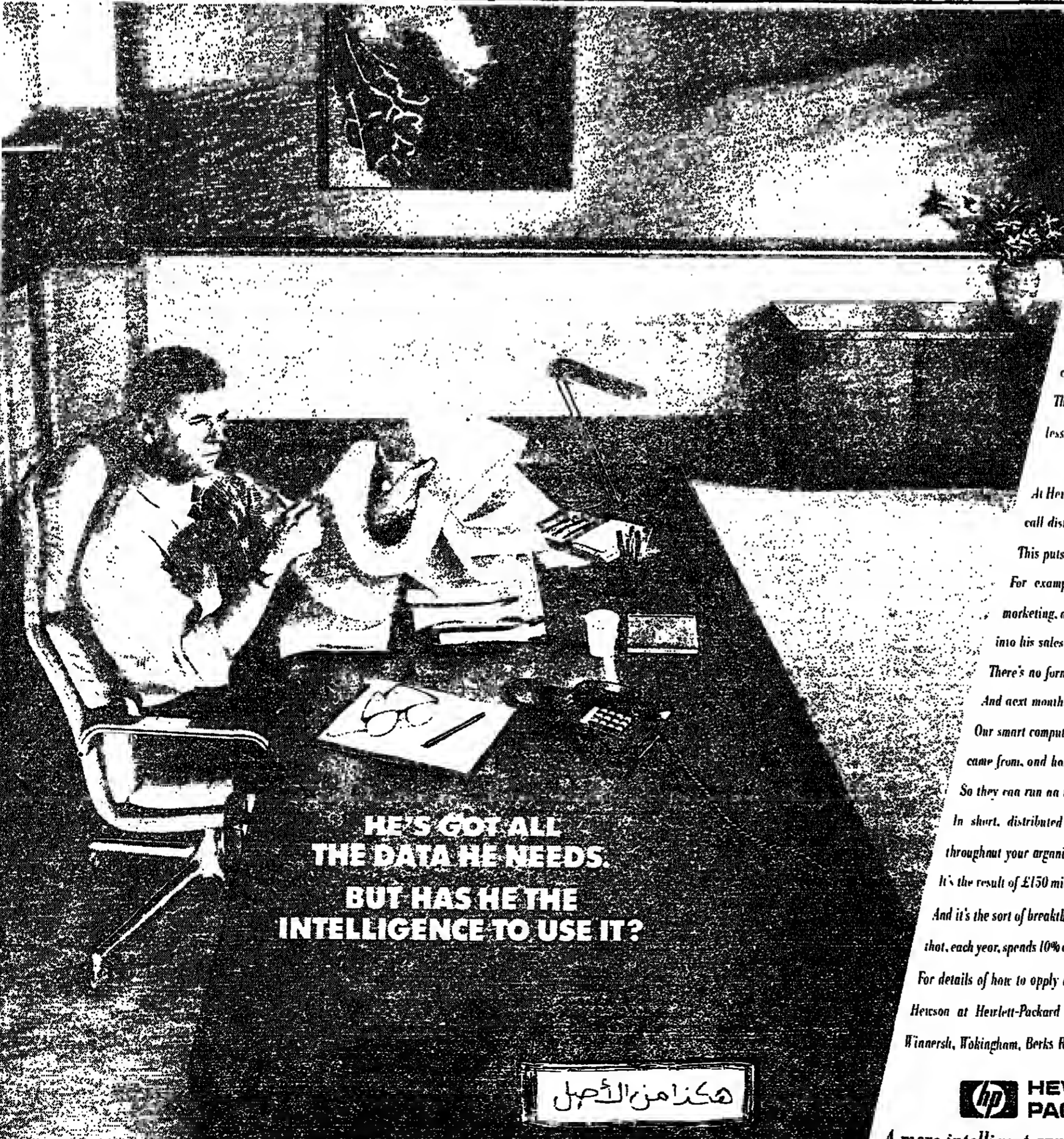
By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent

Officials in the Lord Chancellor's Department and the Ministry of Defence are understood to be concerned by proposals from the Top Salaries Review Body.

The Treasury insists there can be no across the board payments for Civil Servants at permanent and deputy secretary grades, judges and General officers in the Armed Forces. It wants to use "performance criteria".

However, no one has yet attempted to measure the efficiency of a High Court judge. Senior Army officers, who are assessed according to military criteria, are unlikely to take kindly to additional measurements of their worth.

A spokesman for the Treasury said yesterday that the report of the Top Salaries Review Body with the Prime Minister and will be considered by the Cabinet. Decisions on payments are likely to be made in parallel with the Cabinet's review of nurses' pay. Ministers want to avoid invidious comparisons between their treatment of NHS staff. Nearly nine and a half million adult workers, 46 per cent of the workforce, are low paid, according to a Low Pay Unit analysis of government figures. A report published yesterday, which bases its definition of low pay on the Council of Europe's decency threshold of £135 per week, says the number of low-paid workers in Britain rose last year by 600,000 to 9.4 million.



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Child of courage's success threatened by cuts in benefit

By Tony Dawe

A boy aged nine who has overcome severe brain damage to lead an active life will be at the centre of a Commons dispute today about changes in social security benefits.

Mr Robin Cook, Labour's social security spokesman, and Mr David Blunkett, Labour MP for Sheffield, Brightside, a trustee of Community Service Volunteers, both plan to raise in Parliament the case of Doran Scotson, whose successful treatment at home is threatened by the sudden withdrawal of a social security grant.

The boy proved a cause célèbre as he overcame a doctor's pronouncement that he was a "cabbage" at birth by following a grueling physical routine. He won a Children of Courage award in 1982 and was pictured in *The Times* in the arms of Mrs Margaret Thatcher.

His progress was helped by the continual support of his mother, Mrs Linda Scotson, and two volunteers who took him through a regular programme of often violent exercises at his home near East Grinstead, West Sussex, to stimulate his system.

Mrs Scotson, after a long

struggle, won a £43-a-week domestic needs allowance from the Department of Health and Social Security to pay for the board and lodging of the two volunteers, supplied by the Community Service Volunteers organization.

She was told last week that the allowance had been stopped and that under the changes in benefits her only right of appeal is to another Civil Servant.

Mrs Scotson said: "I am staggered by the decision. It seems apparently from innocent remarks I made on a local radio station. In trying to encourage mothers of similarly handicapped children, I said how well Doran was doing. I then received a visit from a DHSS official who had been listening and who asked me detailed questions about Doran's health and my circumstances."

Mrs Scotson won the immediate support yesterday of Community Service Volunteers, who have supplied her with 117 volunteers to help look after Doran over the years.

"This is extraordinary behaviour from a government committed to providing com-

munity care", Miss Elisabeth Hoodless, the organization's director, said.

"It appears to be an attack on volunteers which could cost far more money than is being saved, for if Mrs Scotson is unable to cope on her own, her son will have to be admitted to an institution at a cost of £30,000 a year."

Mr Blunkett, who will seek an emergency debate on the case in the Commons today, said: "It is a very worrying development if handicapped children are going to have to be cared for in institutions instead of their own homes."

The DHSS said last night that it was standard procedure for grants to be reviewed if officials became aware of a change of circumstances.

"It would be up to the local adjudication officer to make a decision based on all the available evidence before him", it said, but added that in view of the concern about the case "we would wish to look at it very carefully."

The boy's remarkable improvement follows his mother's refusal to accept a doctor's diagnosis that he was suffering from irreversible brain damage at birth.

Guarding against egg collectors



Mr Elliott, left, and Mr Robinson, at Sandy, Bedfordshire, watching for illegal egg collectors (Photograph: Marc Aspland).

By Andrew Morgan

One of the biggest security operations to guard the nests of rare birds of prey from organized gangs of springtime egg thieves is being started this week by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

Among the birds given greatest surveillance are white-tailed eagles, reintroduced to Britain 14 years ago, red kites, osprey, golden eagles, and merlin.

Mr Graham Elliott, a species protection officer with the association, said: "We must guard nests every minute. We

have technology on our side these days, but as we develop techniques, the collectors find ways around them."

This week two company directors are due to appear before magistrates in Peterborough, charged with stealing more than 1,000 eggs. They were charged, after one of the association's biggest investigations.

Each year, about one thousand reports of alleged egg theft, bird of prey poisoning and illicit dealing reach the association but its resources only allow

them to bring private prosecutions in about 25 cases. It passes on other cases to the police for prosecution, but the number of cases reaching court barely tops a hundred.

Mr Peter Robinson, the senior investigations officer, said: "We try to wheedle out and focus on those dealing with rare birds". According to Mr Robinson, about 500 egg collectors are active. Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981, they face fines of £2,000 for eggs of rare birds.

Portfolio PLUS NEW Accumulator Two split winnings of £8,000

A former squadron leader and a retired Civil Servant share the weekly Portfolio prize of £8,000.

Squadron Leader Richard Phillips, aged 77, of Penrhylan, Dyfed, served in the RAF for 37 years.

He said: "My wife, Olwen, and myself will be celebrating our golden wedding in December so we will be able to afford a formal occasion".

Sharing the prize is Mr Donald Manning, aged 64, of Charlton Road, Weston-super-Mare, Avon.

He and his wife, Rosalyn, intend to have their first holiday for 10 years.



Mr Manning: overdue holiday in the offing.

Lords seek cash for small schools

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

A campaign to oblige the Government to fund any small school that a group of 30 or so parents wants to establish is launched today with a Lords amendment to the Education Reform Bill.

The amendment, to the clause that empowers the Secretary of State for Education and Science to enter into agreements to establish and maintain city technology colleges, is being tabled by Lord

religious faith or use significantly different teaching methods.

The idea is being promoted by the newly formed Campaign for Educational Choice which draws its inspiration from Denmark where any group of parents with more than 27 children among them can start a school of their choice and have it paid for by the state.

The campaign says the same is true in The Netherlands, where only a quarter of the schools are run by the state and the rest, which are the responsibility of a variety of foundations and associations, are funded by the ministry of education on the same footing as state schools.

Mr Tony Flower, the campaign co-ordinator, said it was high time Britain followed the lead of Denmark and The Netherlands. "At present, the Bill does nothing to extend parental choice for those who cannot afford to pay fees. Even schools that opt out of local authority control will have to maintain the same character. The choice the Bill offers is a pretence. We want to make it more humane."

A model of the type of school the campaign would like the Government to support is the Small School in Hartland, Devon. It was founded six years ago after the closure of a local secondary school left village children with a daily round trip of 30 miles to the nearest comprehensive.

Head teachers' fears that the new GCSE examination was making such heavy demands on pupils that many would be discouraged from entering are shown to be unfounded by figures released by the four GCSE groups in England.

The Northern Examining Association and the Midland Examining Group received significantly more entries for GCSE than they had last year for O level and CSE, the two examinations that GCSE replaces. The London and East Anglian Group received about the same while the Southern Examining Group reported a slight fall.

Young of Dartington, a life-long campaigner in the cause of alternative education.

Lord Young said yesterday that his aim, in line with Conservative philosophy, was to open up the variety of schools between which parents could choose to include those that put an emphasis on the arts, serve small communities, stand for a particular

The Psychological Society

Happiness index measures moods

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Advertisers may have been proclaiming confidently what "happiness is", but scientists have, for rather different reasons, been working out a way to measure it.

Their results were presented yesterday to the British Psychological Society in the form of the Oxford Happiness Inventory.

Clinical psychologists find an increasing need for measuring happiness. Such a measure is necessary to check the effectiveness of the new psychological therapies being devised as alternatives to treatment for the types of depression for which drugs are prescribed based on benzodiazepines, a cause of anxiety because they are addictive.

The new happiness index has been devised by a team working with Professor Michael Argyle, of Oxford University. It has been designed as a substitute for a long-standing technique of psychologists for testing subjects, called the

Beck Depression Inventory.

The new version is intended, among other things, to take account of colloquial changes in the English language. The happiness scale depends on tests that involve word associations and the creation of verbal pictures. The happiness inventory is a research tool to assess the effectiveness of approaches to treating depression. In the simplest tests on the subject to check if these measures are working, the subject is asked to think of 10 "emotion" words. Depressives come up with a list such as anxious, worried, depressed, gloomy, oppressed. Once they improve they are more likely to think of words such as happy, cheerful, joy, glad, pleased, contented.

Memory also changes with mood. When subjects are given a list of words and sentences to be recalled a week or two later, they remember most if they are in the same mood as when they originally learnt them.

Escape time 'lost'

People caught in fires waste life-saving seconds when they should be escaping, according to Professor David Canter, a technical adviser to the inquiry into the King's Cross fire.

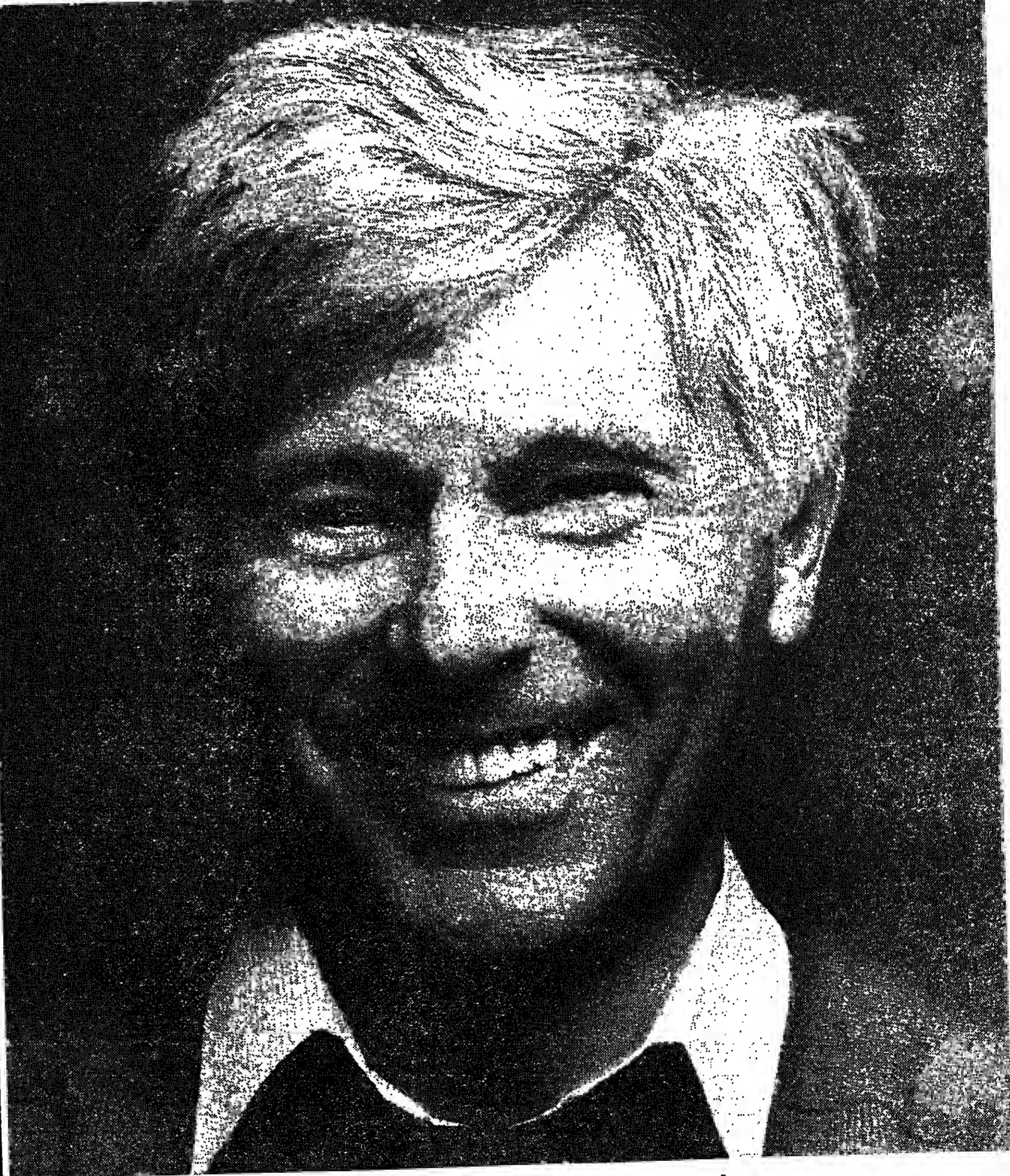
He told the society that normal behaviour for travellers on the platform when the King's Cross fire started would have been to take the first train out, but they followed an instruction and left the platform.

Professor Canter, of Surrey

University, has spent 10 years studying the behaviour of people caught in fires in hotels, hospitals and homes.

As a member of the Poplewell inquiry, he investigated how people reacted during the Bradford City football ground fire.

Professor Canter suggests that at the critical moments, people look for confirmation about what has gone wrong and seek some individual or person in authority to suggest what to do next.



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industry in close co-operation with universities and hospitals. Even so, medicines cannot succeed on their own. We need your help. And the best way you can help us is to help yourself. Eat less fat, stop smoking and take regular exercise. The sooner you do that, the sooner we can turn more attention to preventing other fatal diseases. THE BRITISH PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY. HELPING TO KEEP BRITAIN HEALTHY.



BMA protests over legal advertising to encourage claims

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The British Medical Association has protested to the Law Society about advertisements by solicitors encouraging people to come forward if they believe they may have a claim for medical negligence or other personal injury.

The protest by the doctors' professional body, which the Law Society has rejected, comes at a time of mounting concern about the growth of negligence actions in the courts and the size of awards.

A massive legal action is being co-ordinated by solicitors for some 1,000 potential claimants over tranquilizers.

Dr John Havard, secretary of the BMA, said: "We have complained to the Law Society over what we believe to be an unsuitable kind of advertisement. Solicitors were advertising in the local press, he said, to encourage potential claimants to come forward."

Last year the Law Society launched a free advice scheme under which people can obtain a free initial interview with a solicitor if they think they may have an accident claim. In the first few months this has brought in some 5,000 potential claimants who otherwise would not have

been in contact with a solicitor.

The Law Society also advertises through its professional journal to co-ordinate solicitors handling claims of a similar kind, as in the Zebruges ferry disaster.

Mr Walter Merivick, an assistant secretary general at the society, said it was up to solicitors how they advertised, provided they complied with the society's own code.

If there was a group of claims such as over-Open, the anti-arthritis drug, it was important that potential claimants should be encouraged to come forward within the deadlines set by the court.

The society's view was that if people had a legitimate claim, there was nothing wrong with helping them.

Both the British Medical Association and the Medical Defence Union are forecasting yet another steep rise in insurance premiums for doctors this year, and an increase in "defensive" medicine in the face of mounting negligence claims.

Dr Havard said he thought premiums now standing at £1,000 could well rise to £2,000 this autumn. Similarly Dr John Wall, secretary of the

MDU which indemnifies doctors, predicted a rise in its premiums by "a number of hundreds". Last year rates rose by 87 per cent and the year before by 74 per cent.

Dr Wall said that one effect of actions such as that over tranquilizers was that patients would be taken off the drug even though it was still appropriate to use it.

Another danger was "defensive" medicine, which has huge cost implications for the health service's budget.

Dr Havard said already many ankle sprains were routinely X-rayed, although less than 1 per cent of them would show a fracture and less than 1 per cent of those again would suffer any disability if untreated. X-rays were taken because of possible legal action, not medical indications, he said.

Another instance cited by doctors is the huge number of unnecessary admissions of people with head injuries.

Several medico-legal actions are pending, including ones over whooping cough vaccine, the Elixon Shield contraceptive pill, a second Open case, and blood products contaminated with the Aids virus.

JPs losing faith in probation service

By Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent

Unquestioning trust and confidence in the probation service no longer exists among many magistrates and much of the public, Mr John Hosking, chairman of the Magistrates' Association, told senior probation officers.

Mr Hosking, speaking at the conference of the National Association of Senior Probation Officers, said the situation had not been helped by the readiness of many probation officers to identify with the defendant rather than the court, and actual or implied criticisms of magistrates' decisions.

He said: "If the probation service seeks to criticize magistrates in public for their inconsistency and over-use of custody, it may actually be criticizing itself."

He said figures suggested that about 12 per cent of social inquiry reports made no recommendation for sentence. Of the remainder, between 60 and 70 per cent were followed by the magistrates.

Mr Hosking said while many probation officers could not bring themselves to mention the word "custody", the chances of improved agreement between probation officers' recommendations and magistrates' decisions were fairly poor.

The high-tech invasion



The march of progress gives invading Vikings high-tech aids to marshal their troops for cameramen filming at Peel, Isle of Man. An American television company is making a series presenting events of the Middle Ages as broadcast news (Photograph: Mark Pepper).

AEU faces revolt on no-strike deals

By Tim Jones

Leaders of the Amalgamated Engineering Union will this week attempt to fight off a revolt among its members to prevent the signing of single-union deals and the acceptance of no-strike agreements.

Decisions taken at the union's conference, which begins today, could be crucial to Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the Trades Union Congress.

He is seeking a formula to placate the engineers and electricians, who have threatened to break away if their freedom to enter such deals is curbed.

The TUC has been thrown into one of its most damaging splits after the decision of Ford to abandon its plans for a £40 million plant at Dundee because of opposition, led by Mr Ron Todd of the Transport and General Workers' Union, to the single-union deal which had been negotiated by the AEU.

Two motions to be discussed at the conference instruct the executive council to oppose so-called "beauty contests" where unions compete with each other for negotiating rights.

A further six motions condemn the signing of any "no-strike deals" and instruct the leadership to "continue to uphold the right to strike".

Legal aid savings 'wrongly directed'

Government plans to make the legal aid scheme more efficient came under strong attack from the president of the Law Society yesterday.

Mr Derek Bradbeer told a weekend conference held by the society in Exeter that the proposals in the Legal Aid Bill, about to start its passage through the Commons, could "inflict serious damage to the quality of service and the accessibility of justice to the public".

The cost of legal aid, now £405 million a year, had gone up; but it "pales into insignificance" compared with other areas of public spending, such as defence at £18,173 billion; housing at £2,028 billion; education at £3,261 billion and social security at £23,741 billion.

The Government needed to look for value for money in the system but its search for efficiency savings "seems to be very limited and in our view wholly wrongly directed at legal aid".

The Law Society had put forward a number of proposals aimed at greater efficiency in the courts and in legal services, nearly all of which had been either ignored or shelved by the Government, Mr Bradbeer said.

Those plans could lead to greater savings than those anticipated by the government's plans for legal aid and without the risks inherent in such changes, he said.

One reform proposed was in commitments to the crown court where as much as £1 million or even more might be saved. In many cases solicitors need not attend court. Where this happened, then "surely there is no need for the defendant to attend either", Mr Bradbeer said.

"At the moment the cost-

Lawyers and judges command little regard among children, according to a study to be published later this month (David Sapsed writes).

One child said the typical lawyer "lies, plays golf, loans money and sits around". Judges were said to give dancing lessons or "teach you things about Jesus".

The study, partly funded by the Government and carried out by Dr Rhona Film at Robert Gordon's Institute of Technology in Aberdeen, delves into how much a group of children, aged between six and 10, understands the law.

While the results provide some mixed views on the legal profession, the study also shows that children fully understand the role of the police and the importance of truth and may be more reliable witnesses than adults.

effectiveness of the change made in January 1987 (so that solicitors need not attend) is undermined by the continuing requirement for the defendant to be there."

Another reform could be made to the duty solicitor scheme whereby solicitors are on call day or night for suspects in police stations. There have been accusations that there is too much standing by, Mr Bradbeer said.

The number of suspects who choose to remain silent while being questioned by detectives has increased enormously, Mr Peter Imbert, Metropolitan Police commissioner, told a weekend seminar organized by the Law Society in Oxford. He said a limited survey had shown that more than 20 per cent now exercised the right, compared with 4 per cent when a royal commission reported on the subject in 1979.

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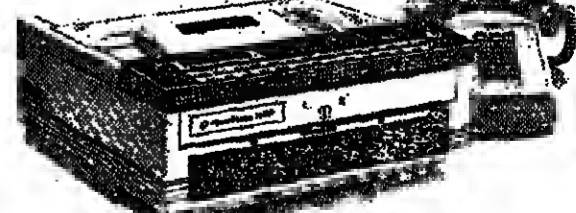
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Vasari painting is gallery's highlight

An Old Master gallery opens in west London tomorrow with an impressive collection of about fifteen newly discovered paintings.

It is the Walpole Gallery in Dover Street, run by the art historian and dealer, Mr Clovis Whitfield.

Top of a shopping list for museums throughout the world is a painting by Giorgio Vasari valued at around \$2 million. It shows trout fishermen beheading their task as they stand in midstream.

Vasari is most famous for his book, *Lives of the Artists*, published in 1550, in which he proposes a theory of progress in art, ranging from Giotto to Michelangelo.

But this huge (196cm x 162cm) work shows he was a great painter in his own right. Commissioned originally by the Grand Duke, Cosimo de Medici for his villa at Poggio a Caiano, it was later exported to Holland as a subject for a tapestry. Mr Whitfield and his team, which includes the Italian dealer Ferdinando Peretti, found it, dark with dirt, at a recent auction, and picked its story together.

"Art historians don't yet know about it", Mr Whitfield said.

Sotheby's New York was under siege on Saturday as the public poured in for the first day's preview of the Andy Warhol collection. It will be sold over 10 days from next Saturday.

SALEROOM
by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

Despite this upstaging, the printed and manuscript Americana sales went well on Saturday, with documents by Abraham Lincoln in demand. A draft letter of sympathy and support from him "to the army of the Potomac" fetched top price of \$236,500 from a private buyer, more than double its upper estimate.

The second highest lot, the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863, in which Lincoln committed himself to freeing the slaves, went to an East Coast private collector for \$190,500 (estimate \$175,000 to \$225,000). The sale, which included a copy of the United States Constitution (\$165,000 against an estimate of up to \$150,000) totalled \$1.3 million with 95 per cent sold.

Meanwhile, Japanese prints and works of art did well at Christie's New York, although a number of sculptures failed to find buyers. The sale totalled \$2.6 million (£1.4 million) with 16 per cent unsold.

Japanese dealers were active. One, from Tokyo, spent \$154,000 (£81,481) on a set of three prints showing street walkers from the main cities of Japan painted by the nineteenth century artist, Chokyoosi Eiri.

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The 260E and 300E. But can you tell the difference?

No-one would suggest that buying a Mercedes-Benz is a decision you should rush or take lightly. Far from it. It's only when you take the time to consider the facts that a Mercedes-Benz seems such an obvious choice. Consider the 300E for example. Like all Mercedes-Benz cars it is not engineered to perform a few specifics superbly well but to perform every function superbly well. Avoiding extremes in any single area, in pursuit of the very highest competence overall. Few cars have the ability to strike the same balance between comfort, handling, performance, safety, reliability and re-sale value. The dilemma then, is when you look for a four door saloon, luxurious in its comfort, tenacious in its road-holding, reassuring in its safety and exhilarating in its performance, is not which car but which other Mercedes-Benz.

Introducing the 260E. It shares the identical aerodynamic body and the same power base as the 300E. The difference in horsepower and torque of the six cylinder engines is mainly attributable to their different displacement: 2962 cc 188 DIN/hp for the 300E versus 2599 cc 166 DIN/hp for the 260E.

They are power units designed to reconcile very high power and torque output with extreme smoothness and very quiet running in an engine as light and as compact as possible.

Although not exceptionally large engines by today's standards, they are still powerful enough to comfortably shift both cars to test track speeds of over 130 mph.

The engine block itself is a lightweight casting, deep-skirted and externally ribbed for enhanced rigidity. There are seven main bearings and to promote running smoothness, no fewer than twelve crankshaft counterweights.

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Both the 300E and 260E have four speed automatic transmissions as standard with a five speed manual gearbox as a no-cost option. The automatic transmission with its manual-style lever has an easy action stepped-gate with a sporty flavour of its own especially when hard throttle pressure automatically kicks it down for maximum acceleration.

The Mercedes-Benz suspension system, with shock absorber struts at the front and the unique multi-link layout at the rear, gives phenomenal road-holding to cope with such powerful performance. Cornering ability, straight line stability and handling predictability can seem almost uncanny.

The ability to combine soul-stirring pleasures of high performance with hard-headed advantages of high mechanical efficiency is an exceptional feature of these cars. With the added reassurance of ABS braking as standard and energy absorbing front and rear crumple zones with the rigid passenger safety cell (invented by Mercedes-Benz in 1951) they stand far ahead of would be rivals.

But what separates them from each other? The 300E accelerates from 0 to 62 mph in 8.2 seconds and the 260E does it in 9.5 seconds (manufacturer's figures). The difference is 1.3 seconds precisely. By now, you should have made up your mind.



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WORLD ROUNDUP

10,000 march in Warsaw ghetto

Warsaw (Reuter) - Up to 10,000 people marched under opposition banners through the site of Warsaw's former Jewish ghetto yesterday in an illegal commemoration of the 45th anniversary of the uprising there.

The banned demonstration was the climax to ceremonies led by opposition figures who refused to take part in the official commemoration organized by Poland's communist authorities. Thousands of Warsaw residents ignored a police warning that the event was illegal and walked from the main ghetto monument to Umschlagplatz, where in 1942 and 1943 more than 300,000 Warsaw Jews were put on trains to the Nazi extermination camp at Treblinka.

US crime on increase

Washington - In 1987, for the third successive year, serious crime in the US rose on all parts of the country except the West. However, murder numbers rose and robberies all decreased (Michael Rayson writes).

Figures issued at the weekend by the Federal Bureau of Investigation showed a 2 per cent rise in crime following an increase of 5 per cent in 1985 and 6 per cent in 1986.

New Soviet flight fuel

Moscow - The Soviet Union claims to have opened a new chapter in aviation after the successful test flight last Friday of the first aircraft capable of using liquid hydrogen and liquefied natural gas as fuel (Christopher Walker writes).

Soviet scientists say that because only water and energy are required to liquify hydrogen, the new fuel, known as "cryogenic", is much safer for the environment than oil-based aviation fuels used by international airlines.

Contra 'realpolitik'

Managua - While many in the Contra guerrilla base camp went to the beach, a Contra spokesman said talks with the Government here throughout the weekend on the terms of a settlement of the civil war (David Gollob writes).

The 40-member Contra group described its arrival in Managua as a "political triumph". However, the three-day peace conference appeared to arouse little public interest.

Prison rioters give up

Paris - More than 250 prisoners gave themselves up yesterday and released two hostages they had taken after a night of rioting at Encheim prison in the Upper Rhine region of eastern France (Our Correspondent writes).

Five ringleaders, all serving life sentences, instigated the mutiny on Saturday afternoon to protest against prison conditions. Armed with knives, they took hostage a religious visitor and a young warder.

Air inquiry extended

Washington (Reuter) - The US Government is to widen its safety investigation of Eastern Airlines, owned by Texas Air, to include Continental, the company's flagship airline, the Transportation Secretary, Mr James Burnley, said yesterday.

He said the decision to investigate Continental was based on a review of Federal Aviation Administration files which revealed almost \$1 million in potential safety fines pending against the airline. An investigation of safety violations by Eastern was announced last week and so far 19 of its 200 passenger planes have been grounded.

Tape search for clues to Waite abductors

By Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent

The Foreign Office will today start searching tape recordings it has just received of telephone conversations Mr Terry Waite conducted immediately before he disappeared in Beirut 15 months ago for clues to the identity of his kidnappers.

The recordings have been accepted as genuine both by Whitehall and by a member of Mr Waite's family. They last five hours and include calls that the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy made or received on his Beirut hotel phone in January, 1987. It is still not known who made the recordings and why. They were handed in by a Sunday newspaper, which said it obtained them from two Lebanese men, who were too frightened to be identified.

One of the calls came from the British Consul in Beirut, who conducted part of his conversation in somewhat ungrammatical Latin. Mr Frank Gallagher, who has since returned to work at the Foreign Office, apparently intended to warn Mr Waite of a potential new threat to his safety without making his own identity obvious to anyone who might be listening in - but then gave it away by naming himself. According to the *Sunday Express*, the conversation went as follows:

Mr Gallagher: Hello, good afternoon. Is that Terry Waite speaking?

Mr Waite: Speaking.

Mr Gallagher: Good afternoon to you. I've got a little message which I've got to pass on to you. It's a message from London. I want to be quite discreet and introduce myself in guarded terms. *Lupusque Inguinam Latine?* (Do you speak Latin?)

Mr Waite: Yes, I understand.

Mr Gallagher: *Sum Consul.*

Waite disappeared on January 20 - three days after the kidnapping of Herr Rudolf Cordes, a West German manager, and a day before that of Herr Alfred Schmidt, an engineer. Herr Schmidt was released last September, but Herr Cordes is believed still to be in their hands.

No one has claimed responsibility for Mr Waite's disappearance. But if he is held by sympathizers of the Hamadei brothers, they could soon have reason to show their hand. The trial of Mr Abbas Hamadei on charges of abducting the two West Germans is due to reach a verdict tomorrow in Düsseldorf.

It is expected to be followed by Mr Muhammad Hamadei's trial in Frankfurt on murder and hijacking charges stemming from the TWA incident. If either brother is convicted, the supporters may put further pressure on Bonn to release them. Mr Waite would be their ultimate political card.

Last year, the sympathizers claimed responsibility for the kidnappings of the two West Germans and threatened to kill them if Mr Muhammad Hamadei were extradited to stand trial in the US. Bonn admitted that the threat influenced its decision to refuse an extradition request made by Washington. The admission was made in evidence given by Herr Wolfgang Schaabbe, the Chancellor's Minister, during Mr Abbas Hamadei's trial.

Since then, a further complication in efforts to bring Mr Muhammad Hamadei to trial has emerged. He claims to have been born in July, 1968, which would mean he was a minor at the time of the hijack. This conflict with evidence from Mr Abbas Hamadei, who said that his brother was 23 or 24. A procedural wrangle over whether he should be tried in an adult or juvenile court remains to be resolved.

14 die as Palestinians mourn Abu Jihad

By Our Foreign Staff

Mr Yasser Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organisation leader, yesterday spoke with his wife on the eve of his military commander and deputy, Mr Khalil al-Wazir, better known as Abu Jihad.

And in Jerusalem, Arab sources said that the Palestinian death toll from Saturday's violent protests in the occupied territories after the death of Abu Jihad had risen to 14. It was the highest toll in a single day since Palestinian protests against Israeli occupation erupted in early December.

The Army has imposed a curfew on 15 refugee camps in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, where the worst protests erupted, and many areas were closed to reporters.

The towns of Nablus and Anabta in the northern West Bank were also sealed off, while further north, in Tulkarm, troops shot and wounded two Palestinians as they tried to attack two soldiers with an axe.



West Bank Arabs mourning Abu Jihad carry wreaths and an Arafat picture through Nablus.

Dr. Anel Masari, an expert on terrorism at Tel Aviv University's Jaffa Centre for Strategic Studies, said the killing was probably ordered by Mr Arafat who, he claimed, had recently been at odds with Abu Jihad. "I don't know for sure who was behind the killing," he told Israel Radio, "but if I had to venture a guess, I would say Arafat - he's the prime suspect."

But the press and the public at large appear to have little doubt who they think was behind the operation.

"Israel has eliminated Abu Jihad," roared the huge headline in the mass-circulation *Hadashot* tabloid. Only closer reading of a secondary headline indicated that this was not a statement of fact, but a PLO claim.

Other papers were less sensational but all drew close attention to the remarkable similarity between the weekend operation in Tunis and Israel's 1973 commando raid in Beirut, when three top PLO leaders were killed.

"Even the Israeli Radio news-caster made a Freudian slip in reporting Mr Shamir's comments in Cabinet. 'I heard about the assassination on the telephone,' she quoted the Prime Minister as saying, only to correct herself a few minutes later.

In the occupied territories, Jewish settlers and Palestinians alike were convinced Israel had assassinated Abu Jihad.

"I am shocked to hear that Israel is fighting terror, is using all the means available to it," said Mr Pinhas Wallerstein, head of the Binyamin Regional Council in the West Bank.

Whether or not Israel was in fact behind the assassination, analysts here were yesterday suggesting that Israel had ample motive to kill Abu Jihad.

First, it has been pointed out, Abu Jihad has been behind some of the bloodiest attacks committed in Israel - including last month's attack on a bus in the Negev, in which three workers at the country's atomic research facility in Dimona were killed.

Second, there has been growing concern at what many perceive here as the diminishing deterrent image of the Israeli Army in the eyes of the Palestinians as it fails to snuff out the uprising in the occupied territories. A brilliant commando operation against a leading PLO target, thought expected to do much to restore the image and at the same time demoralize the Palestinians in the occupied territories.

Murder of leading PLO man robs peace-seekers of pragmatist

By Robert Fisk

If the Israelis had wished to proscribe both the architect of the current Palestinian uprising and the one man who might have been able to control Palestinian radicals at a future peace conference, they could have done no better than to have killed Abu Jihad. As a guerrilla leader, he was both cunning and pragmatic; as a military administrator, he was the only Palestine Liberation Organisation leader whose influence over his supporters was both intimate and almost total.

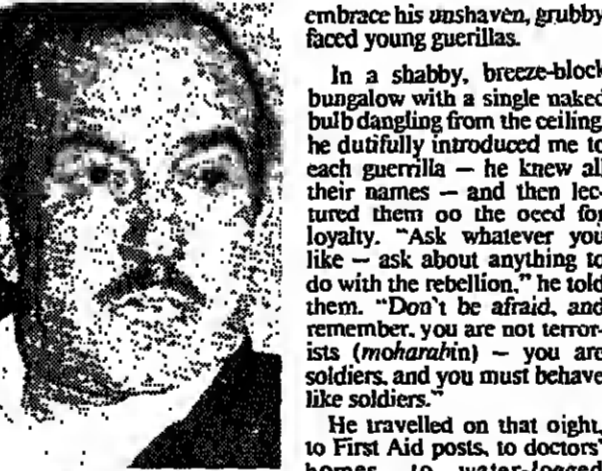
In his last days he was planning what he called the "second stage" of the Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza, arranging - as he disclosed in a handwritten question-and-answer interview with a Kuwaiti newspaper last week - for armed attack on "selected Israeli military targets". He was thinking, it seemed, of just the sort of selective assassination against Israeli Army officers that the PLO believes the Israelis carried out against him.

Those Palestinians who knew Abu Jihad do not believe the version of events being put about in Israel that he may have been the victim of intercommunal PLO battles. Fratricidal struggle there has often been within the PLO - Abu Jihad had three times escaped attempts on his life, twice in Lebanon - but the timing, the target, the method of operation have all suggested to the PLO that the joint founder of the Fatah guerrilla movement was murdered by the nation upon which he himself declared war in 1965.

The PLO's enemies deride the description of any Palestinian guerrilla as a "moderate" yet Khalil Wazir - which was Abu Jihad's real name - loyally supported Mr Yasser Arafat's concept of an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza, and Mr Arafat's intimation (unstated in official form) that Israel should be recognized within its international boundaries.

If a new Palestine state had come into being in his lifetime, it would have been Abu Jihad's task to turn his guns against his own people if necessary to prevent them moving into the coastal strip of 1948 Palestine.

Even when the Syrians organized a dissident faction within the PLO to eliminate Mr Arafat in 1983, Abu Jihad clung on in his office in Damascus, driving into Lebanon at night to talk with his guerrillas. One rain-soaked evening, he had travelled down to a Palestinian position in the southern Bekaa scarcely



Abu Jihad: Planning 'second stage' of Arab protests.

two miles from the front line which the Israelis had reached in their invasion of the previous year. He had driven his own car, a Kalashnikov rifle on the seat beside him, and stopped at every outpost to embrace his unshaven, grubby faced young guerrillas.

In a shabby, breeze-block bungalow with a single naked bulb dangling from the ceiling, he dutifully introduced me to each guerrilla - he knew all their names - and then lectured them on the need for loyalty. "Ask whatever you like - ask about anything to do with the rebellion," he told them. "Don't be afraid, and remember, you are not terrorists (*mohararin*) - you are soldiers, and you must behave like soldiers."

He travelled on that night, to First Aid posts, to doctors' homes, to water-fogged gunnits, saluted by Syrian troops on the checkpoints, aware that his absence would have precipitated most of his forces in the Bekaa into the hands of Damascus. He described the PLO rebel leader, Abu Saleh, as "misguided" rather than a traitor, although

Abu Saleh's men eventually drove Mr Arafat's and Abu Jihad's guerrillas out of Lebanon.

I saw him next on the concrete mole at the northern harbour at the Lebanese city of Tripoli waiting for the Greek cruise ships which would take his surrounded men into exile. He was fatter, than he had been a few months earlier, his face flabby and unhealthy, injured to defeat at the hands of fellow Arabs. What did he think of his revolution, I asked him.

He had shrugged, staring at the time out to sea at the white hulled boat that would take him and his men to safety; "It is another exodus," he said. The irony clearly hurt him.

In the end, the Syrians flung him out of Damascus - much as he was later ejected from Amman when Mr Arafat's flirtation with King Husain of Jordan ended in 1986 - and his guerrillas spent most of their energies fighting Arabs rather than Israelis.

The Kuwaiti newspaper *Al-Anbar* that carried Abu Jihad's last interview yesterday claimed that his killers photographed documents on his desk before they left his villa for the beach. Among the papers may have been his own proofs for the newspaper interview, answers which included a promise to the Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza that the "second stage" of their uprising would ease the burdens imposed upon them by the Israeli Army.

There would be, he wrote, "commando operations against Israeli military targets that will shore up the morale of our people"; the targets would be "the tools of extremely brutal oppression." In other words, there would be assassinations, and most Palestinian operations of that kind - as Abu Jihad knew but did not say - also involved the killing of civilians.

Abu Jihad, of course, lived by the sword and in the Middle East those who do so very occasionally die along with the innocent. Mr Arafat has now seen the name of his lifelong and trusted friend added to the list of "martyrs" which the Palestinian revolution is supposed to enshrine. Abu Jihad's greatest contribution to that revolution, however, would have been to keep it in check after a political settlement. Another of the evils that that potential future piece has thus been cut away.

Those Israelis who believe that a deal will eventually have to be done with the Palestinian leadership now have one fewer pragmatist to deal with; which means that both sides have lost.

Britain battling to modify 1992 vision

After initial doubt and scepticism, Britain is to play a full part in the single European market of 1992 - provided controversial EEC schemes, such as VAT harmonization, are altered or shelved.

As Britain's 1992 campaign gets under way today, the emerging view is that the original plan for a "Europe without frontiers", by Lord Cockfield, the Commissioner for the Internal Market, must be modified to meet UK concerns.

The VAT issue, which comes to a head today, highlights a hidden struggle between Mrs Thatcher and the more "visionary" of Brussels senior Eurocrats over the shape of the post-1992 Community. And on the VAT question, at least, Britain seems to be winning.

The UK's 1992 campaign, designed to alert British businessmen and consumers to the coming challenge of cross-frontier competition, is launched today by Mrs Thatcher and Lord Young, the Trade and Industry Secretary, at Lancaster House. Simultaneously, Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and senior Treasury officials will be at a meeting of EEC finance ministers in Luxembourg with the aim of quietly putting paid to Community moves to end VAT zero rating in Britain of basic products such as food and fuel.

The EEC Finance Council, chaired by Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the West German Finance Minister, has a crowded agenda. This includes the implications for the EEC of the attempt by the Group of Seven in Washington last week to keep exchange rates under control.

Herr Stoltenberg - at least in private - will renew his plea to Mr Lawson to persuade Mrs Thatcher that sterling should be a full member of the European Monetary System by 1992.

But for British officials, the most important item on the Luxembourg agenda is the interim report of the EEC's economic and monetary committee. Nothing could sound less gripping. But the report is the culmination of a behind-the-scenes campaign by Britain to swing Community opinion against the VAT proposals put forward by Lord Cockfield.

When he produced his blueprint for 1992 three years ago, many British officials were sceptical and failed to take the plan seriously. But it has since been approved by EEC summit, with the 1992 date written into the Treaty of Rome. In response to criticism, much of it from the UK, Lord Cockfield nowadays talks of "approximation" rather than harmonization, with VAT rates falling into two broad bands, one between 14 and 20 per cent and another between 4 and 9 per cent for basic items.

But even this is regarded by Downing Street, the Treasury

Brussels View

By Richard Owen

and the Department of Trade and Industry alike as completely unnecessary - and politically explosive.

Lord Cockfield's argument that VAT differentials will distort trade in a frontier-free market has met with scepticism and scorn in London financial circles.

The EEC monetary committee, charged with reporting on the likely impact of the Cockfield plan, is chaired by Sir Geoffrey Lither, the Permanent Secretary to the Treasury and a close adviser of the Chancellor.

Sir Geoffrey has had little difficulty in persuading finance officials of other European countries that the VAT proposals are not on. France has drawn up its own report on the likely cost to the French economy. Spain and Portugal would have to increase their indirect taxation while the Danes and Italians would have to implement cuts.

Officials said yesterday that Sir Geoffrey's monetary committee can only make an interim report to finance ministers today, because the Commission has yet to come up with detailed costings of the 1992 programme.

But the Lither report seems likely to stop the Cockfield plan in its tracks by arguing that while border costs must be reduced to ease the flow of goods across frontiers, there is no case for VAT harmonization. If distortions do arise after 1992, it says, market forces will oblige governments to make adjustments.

The Commission has not yet lost the VAT battle. It has an ally in West Germany, which holds the presidency of the Council of Ministers. Only last week, Bonn declared its determination to press ahead with several 1992 measures, including VAT harmonization, before it hands over the presidency in July.

But time is short. Finance ministers will give further consideration to the Lither

Red Brigades shoot advisor at heart of De Mita's plans

From Roger Boyes, Rome

The Italian Red Brigades have hit at the heart of the political establishment by murdering a close adviser of the new Prime Minister, Signor Ciriaco De Mita, only days before Signor De Mita was due to be confirmed in office by Parliament.

The killing on Saturday of Professor Roberto Ruffilli, aged 51, a member of the Senate and a leading strategist of the Christian Democratic Party, comes hard on the heels of the bombing by a Japanese and Middle Eastern group of a United States club in Naples, and raises the fear that Italy is again heading for a period of protracted terrorism.

The danger may be more apparent than real, but the three shots pumped into the head of Professor Ruffilli at least signal the continuing efficiency of the Red Brigades.

The professor of modern history was one of the key advisers to the new Prime Minister on institutional reform. It is this issue - how to stop the incessant government crises and the collapse of coalitions - that will decide the long-term stability of Italian politics. The target was chosen carefully.

The telephone communication announcing the crime ("We have carried out an attack on the heart of the state") was transmitted by the Party of Communist Combatants.

The conspiracy theory is that this was the point of the weekend attack - the Red Brigades on the run are not enthusiastic about the release of their former comrades.

Meanwhile, Italian police now believe that a Japanese woman, dubbed the Queen of Terror, planned the deadly bomb attack on the US servicemen's club in Naples last week.

The head of Digos counter-intelligence in Naples, Dr Romano Argenio, said the woman, identified as Fusako Shingobu, was seen with the main suspect, Junzo Okudaira, eight hours before the car bomb was placed. Five people were killed and 20 injured in the blast.

The Italians believe that the two Japanese - both veterans of several bomb and rocket attacks - were working with Lebanese Shia Muslims.



Professor Ruffilli: Planning stability for Italian politics.

Final polls put Mitterrand well ahead

From Our Correspondent, Paris

With one week to go before the first round of voting in France's presidential elections, the last two opinion polls gave President Mitterrand a 15-point lead at the weekend over his nearest rival, M Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, and a 19-point lead over the other right-wing candidate, M Raymond Barre.

According to a poll in the weekly *Le Point* magazine, which came out on Saturday, two days before the deadline for publication of opinion polls, M Mitterrand will receive 37 per cent of the vote next Sunday over M Chirac's 22 per cent and M Barre's 18 per cent. The *Liberation* newspaper poll, also published on Saturday, gave each candidate one percentage point more, but kept the ratio between them the same.

Electioneering among all the nine candidates will intensify this week, not only to try to narrow the gap between one another but also in preparation for the second round run-off vote on May 8.

President Mitterrand is now definitely on the campaign trail and seems to be enjoying it, although energetic campaigning by M Chirac has closed the gap between them.

Gone is the sphinx-like smile of a president who considered himself above the political mêlée. In its place is a forceful approach designed to rebuff M Chirac's allegations that at 71 he is too old for the

job, and is basing his programme and the country's political future on "wait and see" tactics. His Socialist Party, initially instructed to play a supporting role, is also out there and fighting.

M Chirac's battle is twofold. With his full neo-Gaullist RPR party machine behind him, he will be fighting to close the gap with M Mitterrand further this week and prove himself the most credible of the right-wing leaders.

The tide against M Barre, the self-styled tortoise to M Chirac's hare, is beginning to turn. In the latest opinion polls he has gained a couple of points instead of losing more. M Barre has always maintained that the public would see the value of his solid-citizen approach over the American-style campaigns of the other two, but it is unlikely that he could draw even with M Chirac before the end of the week.

To have a chance of winning the second round, M Chirac must win over not only the Barre vote but also that of M Jean-Marie Le Pen's National Front. He must try to satisfy both the centre right and the extreme right, and it is by no means certain that he can do so.

M Le Pen, with 10 per cent in the latest polls, is in the position he likes best - that of a disturbing influence. While taking only occasional stipes at M Mitterrand and M Barre,



President Mitterrand receiving the helping hand of supporters in Marseille in southern France at the weekend as campaigning intensifies for voting in next Sunday's first round of the presidential election.

he continues to attack M Chirac.

M Mitterrand also has to play the vote-grabbing game, and the Socialists are meanwhile courting M Barre's supporters for the second round. The small 6 or 7 per

cent Communist vote counts for little. The two extremes, the Communists and the National Front, held rallies in Marseille at the weekend. Once again M Le Pen appeared to have had the advantage, for while it poured down on the Communist candidate,

M Andre Lajoie, the sun was out for M Le Pen, who called this meeting the culmination of his campaign. M Mitterrand received the best tribute to the fact that he is not yet over the hill when, between a porn show and a press conference in Lyons, the Italian

Radical Party deputy Ms Ilona Staller, the stripper "Ciccolina", said that she loved men who were "beautiful inside" and declared her support for him. In vain the local French Radical Party representative tried to point out that they, in fact, supported M Barre.

Diouf battles political and economic ills

From Susan MacDonald, Dakar

has been set for the trial. Meanwhile talks continue between students, on strike since January over facilities and teaching standards, and the new Education Minister. "Sometimes a new face at a Ministry helps to change the atmosphere. I don't want the school year wasted and hope to avoid it, but if there is no agreement then the students must face the consequences," the President said.

Mr Diouf agreed that the IMF and World Bank should now rethink their strictly economic solutions for Senegal and other African countries. "I should say they should be rethinking," he said. "If Mr Wade was able to make his demagogic attacks and touch a part of the population during the campaign, it was because I had the courage to apply the austerity programme vital to our country, but for which there must be sufficient social support."

He spoke of cuts in the agricultural and industrial sectors which have put thousands out of work, the streamlining in education which has backfired, and falling raw material prices. "Don't talk to me about world groundnut prices - it is a disaster for us," he said, putting his hands to his head. "We are told we must have growth, but it is difficult to have austerity and growth at the same time."

To those in Europe who believe Africa has become a lost cause, developing politically but unable to create its own economic momentum since independence, he said: "We have been let down by the international donors. We gave precise figures as to what we were prepared to spend to streamline our economies and this was matched with international promises to invest for growth. We have made our austerity sacrifices and the ground has been prepared, but the international promises of help have not been kept."

The President is aware that he must continue to juggle seemingly insoluble problems and break through the official party propaganda machinery around him if he is to get his message through to the people. Indeed, his survival over the next five years depends on it.

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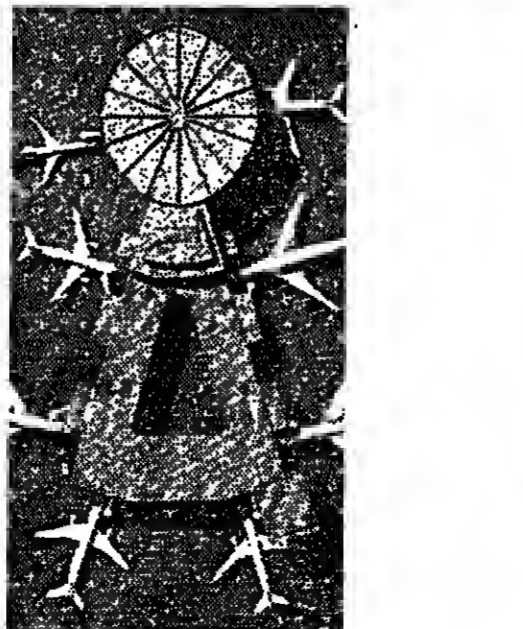
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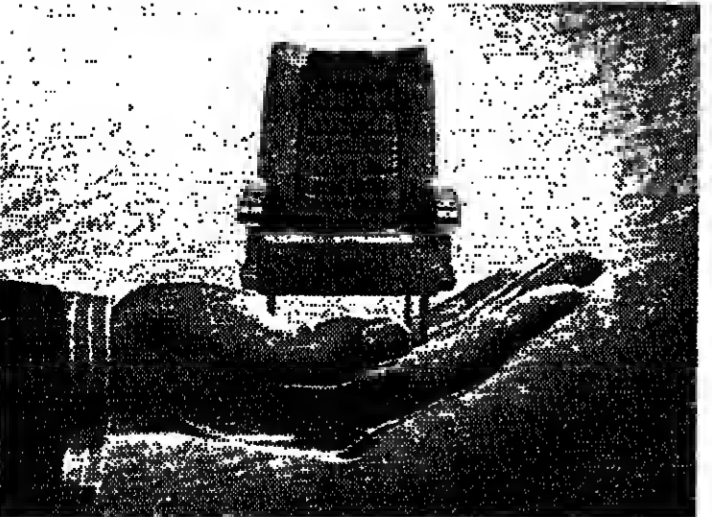
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From Mario Modiano, Athens

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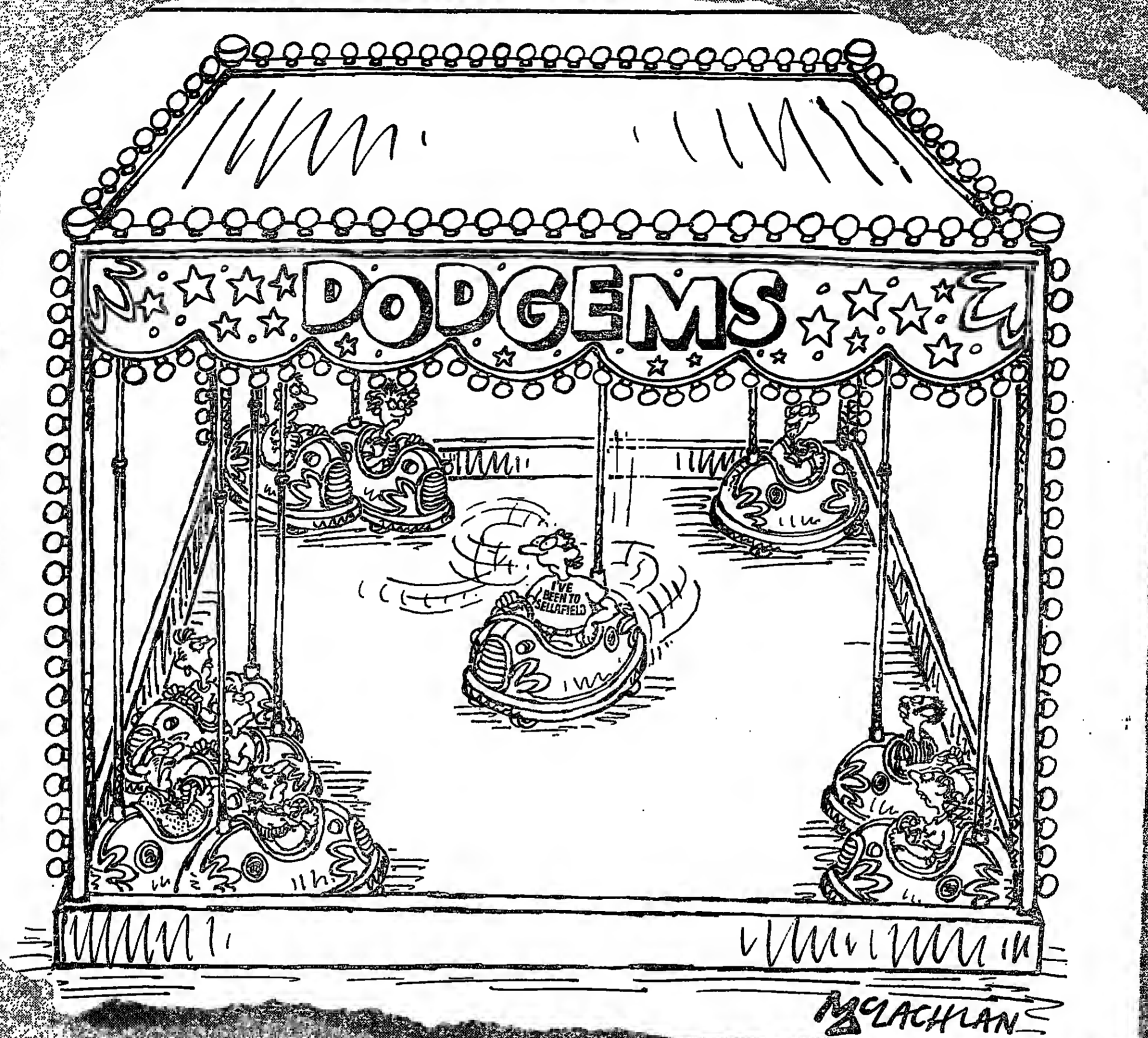
The agreement was signed by the Albanian and Greek Foreign Ministers, Mr Reis Malile and Mr Karolos Papoulias, in the town of Ioannina, just south of the border. It marked the end of a three-day official visit to Greece by Mr Malile, the first such visit by an Albanian Foreign Minister since the Second World War. Mr Papoulias was in Albania last November at the head of a Greek ministerial delegation. An exchange of visits by the two Prime Ministers is due soon.

After two days of talks, Mr Malile and Mr Papoulias spent an informal weekend on Corfu, the north-eastern tip of which is separated from Albania by a narrow waterway. The two nations have already agreed to establish a ferry link between the island and the Albanian port of Sarande, enabling the thousands of British tourists holidaying in Corfu to have a glimpse of Albania.

The Greek Government is anxious to open up more access routes between the two countries in the hope that



President Diouf: Defends jailing the opposition



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Cattle rustlers from Sudan slaughter 190 Kenya villagers

From Our Correspondent, Nairobi

Cattle rustlers from southern Sudan slaughtered more than 190 men, women and children in a raid into north-western Kenya, officials said yesterday. The attack happened west of Lokichokio, a small town close to the Sudanese border.

It is the worst such incident for many years, but because the Turkana tribe's homesteads are so remote news of the attack last Wednesday only reached here at the weekend.

Local Kenyan troops and police killed 20 of the raiders. Another 20 were killed by security forces pursuing them as they attempted to drive thousands of cattle, sheep and goats towards the border. Kenyan security forces used light aircraft to stop the raid, understood to have been carried out by Toposa and Dongiro tribesmen from Western Equatoria. The southern Sudanese province is controlled by Sudanese People's Liberation Army rebels.

By the time Kenyan security forces reached some of the more remote homesteads, the sky was black with vultures, and hyenas had feasted on the corpses, leaving only bones and skulls, according to a report in Kenya's Sunday Nation newspaper.

The war between the rebels from the mainly Christian and animist south of Sudan and

the northern, Muslim-backed Government in Khartoum has given tribesmen access to automatic weapons, adding a lethal aspect to cattle rustling in the area.

The border, and the country around it, is mostly unpatrolled. The tribes largely ignore the frontier in centuries-old competition for grazing land. Even the two Governments pay little attention to it. Lokichokio, officially the only Kenyan Customs and border post on the border, is 20 miles from the nearest point on the political boundary and even further from most of the administrative boundary, which places in a large area of Sudanese territory, known as the Elemi triangle, under Kenyan control.

The inter-tribal competition has intensified because of a population increase and the encroachment of the desert in already arid territory. Only last month armed Somali rustlers hacked 15 Boran tribesmen to death and stole 2,500 goats in north-eastern Kenya in what was then considered the worst such incident for years.

Members of a crack paramilitary police force, the General Service Unit, have been sent to Lokichokio to help round up the raiders and stolen livestock. It is understood that most of the animals

have already been recovered, but the raiders are now likely to have returned to their bases across the border.

Kenya is sympathetic to the Sudanese rebels' cause, allowing movement of supplies and personnel across the border and offering to mediate between the rebels and Khartoum. After last week's events, however, Kenya will expect the rebels to exert much more discipline.

Mr Hans Luybenburger, a Nairobi-based official of the International Committee of the Red Cross, said 31 people wounded in the raid had been treated at the relief agency's field hospital in Lokichokio.

The Sunday Nation quoted the Rift Valley Provincial Commissioner, Mr Muhammad Yusuf Haji, as saying that about 400 raiders armed with automatic and semi-automatic weapons were involved. They had killed men, women and children indiscriminately and left their bodies for vultures and hyenas.

Sudan's envoy to Kenya, Ambassador Omar el-Sheikh, said the raiders may have been connected with the Sudanese rebels. "It appears that this is the first time we have had such a raid, at least of such a magnitude," he said, noting that there had only been minor skirmishes between the Sudanese Toposa tribe and the Turkans in the past.

Hail of rocks greets Korean candidate



Mr Lee Young Il, left, a South Korean ruling party candidate, protecting himself and a colleague with a steel folding chair from a hail of stones thrown by opponents during a parliamentary election campaign rally in Kwangju. Several people were injured as yonhis backing a candidate from the opposition Peace and Democracy Party began stoning Mr Lee and his supporters (AFP reports).

Rival campaign workers were also involved in the clash on Saturday. The incident began when Mr Lee, a Democratic Justice Party candidate, spoke while followers of the opposition were carrying their candidate shoulder-high after he had addressed a joint rally, witnesses said.

Elsewhere, rallies held in 116 of South Korea's 224 constituencies were generally peaceful, officials said. President Roh's party is expected to triumph over a

divided opposition in the National Assembly elections on April 26.

TOYO: A South Korean college professor has defected to the North, the North Korean Central News Agency said at the weekend (Reuters reports).

The agency, monitored here, identified the defector as Li U Gap, aged 52, an associate professor of the Kansan Business College. He arrived in Pyongyang last Friday.

Burmese Army hits opium refineries

Bangkok (AFP) - The Burmese Army has captured a series of opium refineries and military camps belonging to ethnic and communist insurgents in an anti-narcotics drive in the Golden Triangle, Rangoon radio said.

The broadcast said the Government had launched an offensive on March 17 against ethnic Wa insurgents, capturing seven camps and opium refineries. Troops also overran camps and opium refineries belonging to the Burmese Communist Party. Government casualties were put at 27 dead, while 57 Wa insurgents were killed.

Rome strike

Rome (Reuters) - Rome's two airports were paralyzed by a 12-hour air traffic controllers' strike yesterday.

Boat rescue

San Juan (AFP) - A boat which drifted for 10 days has been towed by a US Coast Guard cutter to the Puerto Rican capital. All 35 people on board were reported to be in relatively good condition.

Ice deaths

Moscow (Reuters) - At least five fishermen died in the Baltic republic of Latvia while fishing through ice when it started to melt.

Air crashes

Sydney (Reuters) - Six people died in two air crashes, one involving a helicopter in western Sydney and the other a light plane in Brisbane.

Reform in China

Zhao fights on for fast change

By a Correspondent

The official Peking line on the latest session of the Chinese Parliament, the National People's Congress, this month was that it was the most democratic ever.

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Mr Wang Zhen, the most conservative candidate, pre-

dictably received the greatest number of votes against, some 212 votes and 77 abstentions out of nearly 3,000 in his election as Vice-President. But the 25 votes cast against Mr Deng for another term as head of the Central Military Commission was not anticipated by many observers.

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Cautious Mr Li is concerned by the threat of inflation

Mr Li proposed to carry through much of the agenda set by Mr Zhao and Mr Deng. But there are differences of emphasis on economic reform. At the Central Committee, Mr Zhao laid stress on the need for fast changes. But Mr Li is more cautious and concerned by such side-effects of reforms as inflation. He stresses stability where Mr Zhao is prepared to take risks.

In the press conference at the end of the NPC, Mr Li claimed that reform and stability were parts of one entity and not incompatible.

Economic and structural reform were intended to take centre stage at the NPC but three other issues - Tibet, the development of the interior, and education spending - introduced unplanned elements to the proceedings.

First came the Panchen Lama's remarks on Tibet. He called for tolerance, and attacked those who wanted a hard-line clampdown after last autumn's riots in Lhasa.

He had said all this before, but this time it came hot on the heels of Mr Li's statement on the government work report that anyone who impaired the "unity of the motherland" should be punished severely. Mr Li's revised work report, made public at the end of the NPC meeting, introduced some concessions on this emphasis on the need to uphold the rights and development of minorities.

Then deputies from inland provinces began to attack one of the pillars of the Deng reform programme. At the same time that the establishment of the biggest and most advanced special economic zone, Hainan Island, was up for approval, they questioned the Deng-Zhao theory that rapid coastal development would benefit their provinces by wealth trickling inland.

Deputies claimed that this was not happening and that they were not prepared to tolerate what they saw as neglect of their interests. Some called for special economic zones in the interior. More realistically, many called for economic development policies tailored specifically to the needs of the interior. Little notice seems to have been taken of this by the policy-makers.

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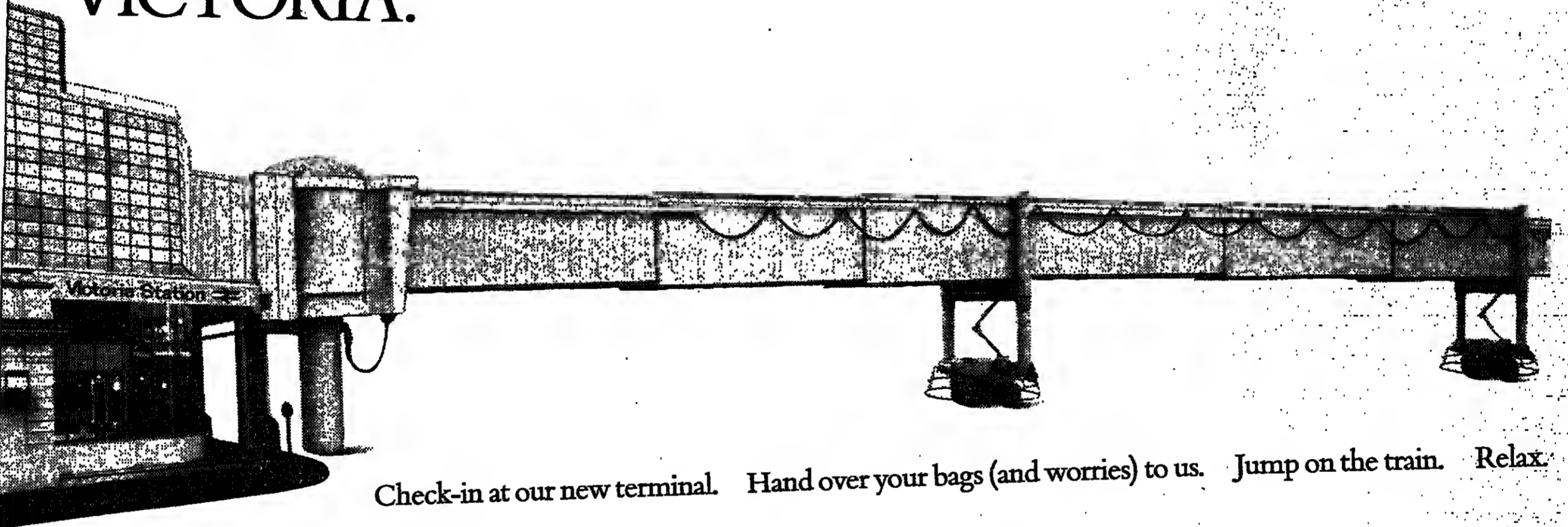
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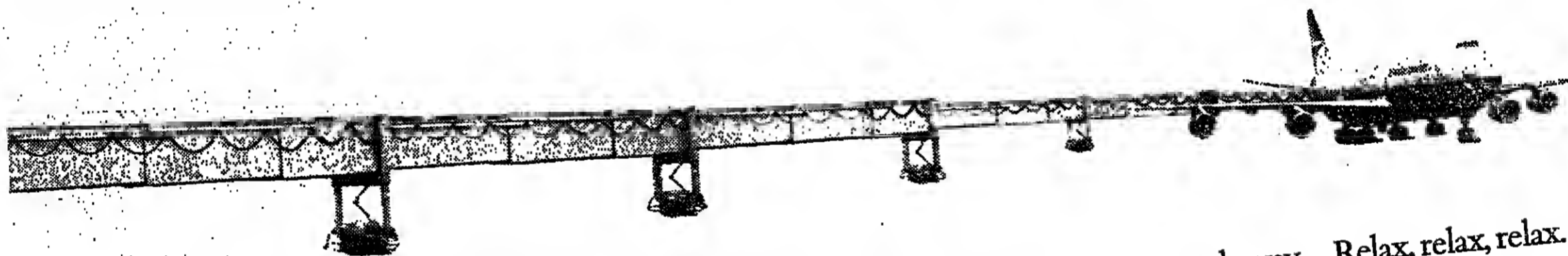
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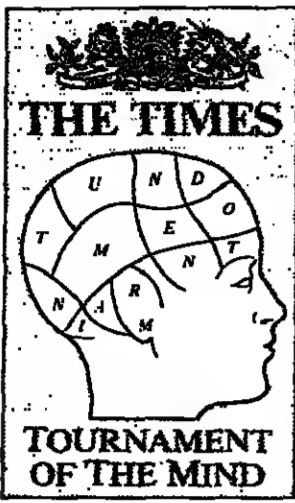


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SPECTRUM

Tournament of the Mind



● Today the Schools' Final of *The Times* Tournament of the Mind begins. The top schools will battle it out for the prize of an IBM Personal System/2 Model 30 computer

Vardean Sixth Form College in Brighton, one of the schools to have reached the finals of *The Times* Tournament of the Mind, shares with many of the top candidates in the individual section the fact of being maths-oriented. All the members of the college's team were drawn from the mathematics and computing classes, even though, as vice-principal Sean Hannan points out, they had an extremely wide range of other subjects between them. The idea of having a team came from Alan Ball, head of computer science, but from there the team was highly self-motivated. "Their aim

was not just to do well," Hannan says, "but to get absolutely nothing wrong. That was really the nature of their challenge, and they were terribly upset when they dropped points." In fact the college dropped only four, scoring 996 out of a possible total of 1,000. Only three schools did better. The team started by allocating particular members to the task of solving particular questions, but as the tournament progressed, they found themselves pooling their knowledge more and more, occasionally splitting into sub-groups of two and three towards the end.

SCHOOLS' FINAL - ROUND ONE

LOGIC

The letters of the word ANTARCTIC have been placed haphazardly in the square below. By starting at the bottom left-hand A and moving upwards to the top right-hand C, from square to touching square, you will find more than one way of collecting all the letters contained in ANTARCTIC, in any order. You cannot move diagonally or collect more than nine letters. How many ways are there?

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2. VERBAL

Can you think of two words of the same six letters which will replace the stars in this sentence: Despite her mother's * * * * * she still trembled from the * * * * * of the night.

3. MATHS

Can you work out the logic of this series of numbers and then tell us what should come next?

7 9 25 441 ?

4. MISCELLANEOUS

Four cog wheels are in constant mesh. The largest has 1,221 teeth, the next one has 121, the next has 12 and the smallest has 5 teeth. How many revolutions will the largest cog have to make before all the cogs return to their original position?

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. Which German tribe from North Jutland defeated the Romans in 113 BC and was finally defeated by Marius?
2. Which churchman and saint wrote *Etyimologiae*?
3. Name the president of the provisional government of Czechoslovakia in London during World War II?
4. What name is given to the semi-desert area in East Ethiopia enclosed by Somalia, except to the west?
5. What word is used to describe the underground system of distribution of forbidden publications in the Soviet bloc?

You really must have a glass

The great illusion at the heart of society is that alcohol is not a drug. In the first part of a series, Jancis Robinson examines the way we drink — and the rituals which ensure there are few who do not

None of us drinks alcohol. We drink delicious, liberating, inspiring or socially significant liquids which happen to contain alcohol. Yet alcohol is a powerful drug. No matter how many of us see it as a necessary adjunct to our lives, it is abhorred by a high proportion of the world's major religions and viewed by some as the fount of all evil. How is it that this potentially dangerous substance is so embedded in our culture that there are long periods of the week and year when mild intoxication is a majority state for the nation, and teetotalists are regarded as social deviants?



THE DEMON DRINK PART ONE

Like some national monuments, alcohol's position in our society is so entrenched that we hardly even notice it. Throughout childhood, most of us observe it playing a central role in the social life of our parents. We see them taking a drink with friends, even our teachers, when they want to oil, or cement a relationship. The act of drinking is regarded as an important symbol of adulthood. Most of Britain's dominant faiths — Protestantism, Roman Catholicism, Judaism — sanction alcoholic drinking by virtue of incorporating it into religious ritual. Shock and accident are widely treated with a tot of strong drink and we have soothed our troops with free alcohol for centuries. All important life events —

marriage, successes at work and play — are toasted, and even funerals are marked by communal drinking. State banquets and toasts continue to play an essential symbolic part in international diplomacy. Many social groupings with an ostensibly sporting purpose appear to revolve around drink and drinking. Our apparently relaxed attitude to alcohol brings a number of benefits. Because much less guilt attaches to social drinking in this country than in, say, Sweden, binge drinking is far less common (although it is notable that the more Nordic the area in Britain, the more prevalent it is). But we are still hampered by the extraordinary rituals and values we attach to all

drinks that happen to contain alcohol. It is the dogmatism with which we insist that to drink is normal, to abstain abnormal, that suggests our attitudes to alcohol are not quite as relaxed as they seem. Drinking with non-drinkers is uncomfortable. Is this because we know they won't be wearing glasses tinted rose by ethanol when viewing us? Or because we do actually feel some guilt about our own drinking?

Unlike members of Mediterranean cultures, the typical drinking Briton is intolerant of those who do not join him in strong drink. More than an element of the antipodean "drunk equals macho" phenomenon can still be observed in Britain today, especially in Scotland and parts of northern England. Those who want or have to drink "soft" often have to sacrifice their social life entirely. One hurdle to overcome before Britain could ever be said to have adopted sensible attitudes to drinking is the "treating" system of buying rounds of drinks at a time. Many men who pare to the minimum their contribution to the household expenses spend disproportionate amounts in the pub, club or bar treating fellow drinkers to drinks.

In the more "sophisticated" social settings of contemporary Britain, where abstinence would be perfectly understandable — lunch in a



West End restaurant in the middle of a heavy working day, for instance — a complicated social minutiae has often to be danced between lunchers who don't want to drink, to ensure that such restraint will not upset the other lunch partner(s).

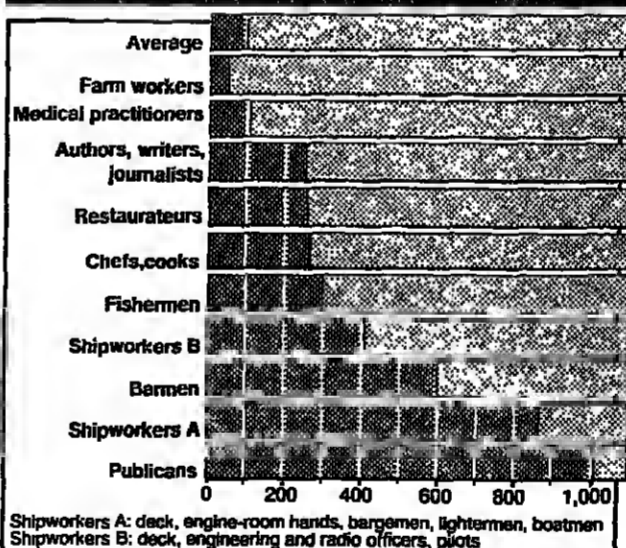
Why are we all so active in encouraging each other to drink? It may be partly a misplaced sense of generosity to provide plentiful supplies of lubrication in its most highly taxed and expensive form. But could it also be that by spreading responsibility we are lessening our own guilt?

Our total drinking, calculated in per capita consumption of pure alcohol, rose steadily after the war until the recession of 1979. It dipped in 1980, '81 and '82, since when we have been drinking very slightly more, although the 1985 figure of 7.1 litres of pure alcohol per head is still considerably below the peak of 7.5 litres we averaged in 1979. There are also healthy signs that our total national consumption is being spread over more drinking occasions.

The most notable recent change in our drinking habits has been not in how much we drink, but in what we are drinking. Historically, we have been known as beer drinkers. In 1979, however, our beer consumption peaked, with an average annual consumption of nearly 215 pints a head, representing 60 per cent of the pure alcohol the average Briton consumed. Since 1979, beer sales have fallen considerably.

This decline in consumption of the pub's *raison d'être* merely mirrors the decline in the role played by the pub in British society. It probably reflects, too, the much more ingeniously innovative approach of those trying to make

OCCUPATIONAL HAZARDS



Taking the average rate of male mortality from cirrhosis as 100, the chart shows that a fisherman is three times more likely to die from drink, while a publican runs 10 times the average risk

money from new spirit-based drinks and, more poignantly, the decreased spending power of the traditional beer drinker: the male manual worker in some of Britain's more depressed areas.

Our affair with wine is just one example of the overall direction of Britain's drinking habits, away from drinks with a high alcohol content. In drawing rooms all over England, gins and tonics and whiskeys and sodas are giving way to glasses of wine and even mineral water. Restaurant trolleys loaded with brandies and liqueurs clink increasingly pointlessly between the tables. The cork-screw has taken over from the ice bucket: the cocktail cabinet has joined the Wurlitzer as a curious artefact from the recent past.

But the real change in our drinking patterns is in the dramatic infiltration of wine into British society. In 1986 we drank more than five times as much light table wine as in 1970: more than 11 litres a head, or 15 bottles a year.

Many observers feel that the move to wine-drinking signifies a certain maturity in our

THE KEYS TO THE LIQUOR CABINET

Many of us feel we hardly need expensive research to confirm a strong correlation between alcohol consumption and occupation. Some jobs incorporate alcohol in the working routine. Those in and around the drinks trade, from publican to gin salesman, bonded warehouse-keeper, wine merchant, distillery worker, even excise-man, all have obvious and constant exposure to strong drink during the working day. But in many less obvious work-places, the key to the office drinks cabinet is seen as one of the tokens of professional advancement — together with the sanctioning of lunchtime drinking on an expense account. Alcohol is used as a positive reward for employees above a certain level by many employers who rarely seem to examine the consequences of unrestrained consumption during the working day.

However, the employer's role as monitor of alcohol problems is becoming a key factor in the theory of good management — even the police have a special unit to deal with this problem in the force. But it seems that most employers accept drinking by their employees within surprisingly narrow limits; too little can jeopardize the business of socializing with clients (and colleagues); too much may lead to summary dismissal, as though the problem were entirely independent of the employer and the structure of the job.

Of course, there is one demanding and under-researched occupation which in many cases exposes the worker to drink throughout the working routine without supervision of any sort: that of housewife or "home-maker".

Young children may not supervise, but they do monitor, which can act as a natural brake on the daytime drinking habits of a parent. But the reaction of many who are suddenly left alone in the home all day with unaccommodated free time, whether because of the departure of offspring or bereavement, is to turn too enthusiastically to the bottle.

Martin Plant, Director of

the University of Edinburgh's Alcohol Research Group, has isolated these factors in a job that are most likely to encourage consumption and, possibly, lead to alcohol problems. Availability is, of course, of prime importance. Those who are self-employed or work unsupervised are also more prey to the ravages of over-indulgence, but a particular pressure felt by, for example, travelling salesmen and sailors is that of being separated from normal social and sexual routines and relationships.

It is also observable, apparently, that alcohol problems tend to develop in those with either a particularly high income and plenty of money to lavish on the drinks cabinet, or a particularly low one, with many a sorrow to drown. Stressful, hazardous occupations may also encourage (and perhaps excuse) heavy drinking. This has been the traditional excuse for the medical profession's hard-drinking record.

In the 1970s doctors were more than three times as likely to die from chronic liver disease or cirrhosis than the average.

The incidence of liver cirrhosis in pub workers and those who go to sea for a living is frightening. One can only hope that all those who dream of a pub in the country are aware that publicans are more than 10 times more likely than the population as a whole to die of cirrhosis; further evidence for the theory that it is the regular drinker who is most likely to develop liver damage (company directors, for example, and the French as a whole, rather than the "binge" drinker whose problems are more likely to be social (manual workers and the Finns).

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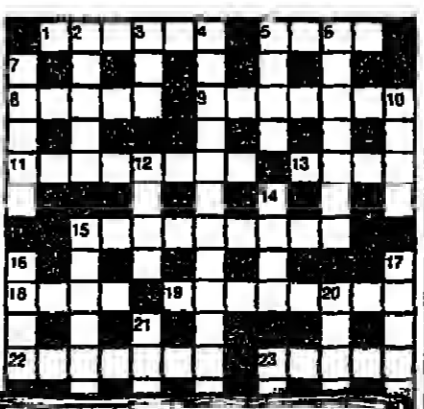
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THE LIQUOR CABINET

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Those who are self-employed or work unregulated are the more prey to the temptations of alcohol. In fact, a regular presence of alcohol in the workplace, for example, involving banquets and parties is that of the most significant factor in the development of alcoholism, and is a major cause of alcohol-related problems.

Alcohol is a depressant, and its effects are cumulative. It is a major cause of liver disease, and is a leading cause of heart disease. It is also a leading cause of mental illness, and is a major cause of domestic violence.

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Trial and error in South Africa



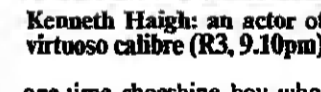
With the Sharpeville Six still on death row after a temporary reprieve last month, World in Action (ITV, 8.30pm) brings a new focus to the case by offering a dramatized reconstruction of their trial. The script is taken from the court proceedings and the chief participants are played by actors from Richard Attenborough's Biko movie, Cry Freedom. Lord Scarman (who plays himself) reckons after an expert perusal of the evidence that the case should be thrown out. The programme concentrates on the only woman among the six, Teresa Ramahomola, whose part in the death of the black councillor seems to have been marginal to say the least. It is not clear that she was even there when the victim was stabbed and tossed onto a burning car, and nothing in the trial connects her with the actual killing. She was mainly convicted on the dubious evidence of a suspected police informer. The actress Josette Simon gives her a moving dignity, not least when making her final plea for mercy. Since that plea (as well as those of her five colleagues) has been publicly upheld by both Mrs Thatcher and President Reagan, the programme is really kicking at an open door. But it is still useful to be reminded that unless the South African Government has an unexpected change of heart, six young people, in the chilling words of the court, are going to be hanged by the neck until they are dead.
Open Space (BBC2, 7.40pm) gives the floor to pupils from three comprehensive schools to voice their misgivings about Kenneth Baker's Education Bill. They mount an articulate defence of the comprehensive system and argue that the bill will make things worse, not better.
Peter Waymark

TELEVISION CHOICE

RADIO CHOICE

A night in Spain

Hats off today to the programme planners of Radio 3 for showing what can be done with theme broadcasting when you lay your plans early and then carry them out with a flourish. Radio 3's Spanish night does not commemorate anything in particular, which makes it a rarity in an era in which, increasingly, broadcasters are not happy unless the calendar or the media give them their cue for action. Musical Spain is well taken care of by the EBU 20th Anniversary Season concert from Madrid (7.30pm and 8.40pm), and the 14th century Barcelona Mass (10.10pm). As for the spoken word, there is the close scrutiny of the changing face of Spain's artistic life in Madrid's improbable Renaissance (8.20pm), and a re-broadcast of a remarkable monologue, Federico's Ghost (9.10pm). I have just been listening to a recording written by Jerzy Peterkiewicz and performed by Kenneth Haigh, and a second hearing confirms my first impression that only a writer who had steeped himself in the gypsy mythology of Lorca could have created this story of the playwright-poet's one-time shoeshine boy who claims to have seen the ghost of his martyred idol. And only an actor of virtuoso calibre could have slipped so effortlessly into the skins of three such disparate characters as the shoeshine boy, the man who listens to his tale, and the man who made a ghost of Lorca.
Peter Davalle



Kenneth Haigh: an actor of virtuoso calibre (R3, 9.10pm)

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BBC1 TV schedule including 6.00 Ceefax AM, 7.00 Breakfast, 9.00 News, 10.00 News, 12.00 News, 1.00 One O'Clock News, 2.15 Inside the Circle, 3.00 The People's Court, 3.30 Scrapping and His Tea-Time Telly, 4.55 Newsround, 6.00 Six O'Clock News, 7.00 Wogan, 7.25 Watchdog, 8.00 Don't Wait Up, 10.55 Wheeler with a Reader, 12.00 News, 1.00 One O'Clock News, 1.30 Neighbours, 1.40 When in Spain, 2.15 Inside the Circle, 2.35 Open University: Maths, 3.00 Ceefax, 10.20 World Snooker, 1.20 Hokey Cokey, 1.35 World Snooker, 2.00 News, 2.35 World Snooker, 3.50 Tomorrow's World, 6.00 World Snooker, 6.55 Young Musician of the Year, 7.35 Open Space.

BBC2 TV schedule including 6.55 Open University: Maths, 8.00 Ceefax, 10.20 World Snooker, 1.20 Hokey Cokey, 1.35 World Snooker, 2.00 News, 2.35 World Snooker, 3.50 Tomorrow's World, 6.00 World Snooker, 6.55 Young Musician of the Year, 7.35 Open Space. Includes a small portrait of Anna Ford.

ITV/LONDON TV schedule including 6.00 TV-am, 9.25 Thames news, 10.30 The Place, 11.10 Let's Pretend, 11.30 Street, 12.00 The Sun, 1.30 Film: Kill Me Tomorrow, 4.00 The Golden Bird, 4.30 Untold Pain, 4.00 Tickle on the Tum, 6.00 News, 6.55 Weather, 7.00 News, 7.30 News, 8.00 News, 8.30 News, 9.00 News, 9.30 News, 10.00 News, 10.30 News, 11.00 News, 11.30 News, 12.00 News, 1.00 News, 1.30 News, 2.00 News, 2.30 News, 3.00 News, 3.30 News, 4.00 News, 4.30 News, 5.00 News.

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VARIATIONS TV schedule including BBC1 WALES, ANGLIA, BORDER, CENTRAL, GRANADA, HTV WEST, HTV WALES, SCOTLAND, TSW, TVS, ULSTER, YORKSHIRE, RTE 1, RTE 2, LW, Radio 4.

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES
Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 76.3 (day's range 77.9-78.3).
STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES
OTHER STERLING RATES

DOLLAR SPOT RATES
Inland 1.6775-1.6885
Singapore 1.6700-1.6800
Malaysia 1.6700-1.6800

MONEY MARKETS
Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 8 Finance Hse 9%
Discount market Loans %: 12 month 8 1/4-8 1/2

BOARD MEETINGS
TODAY - Interims: Broad Street Group, China & Eastern Investment Company, New Cavendish Estates.

BASE LENDING RATES
ABN 8.00%
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UNLISTED SECURITIES
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Scots Law Report April 18 1988

Council's spending on slogan was unlawful

Stated Case by the Commission for Local Authority Accounts in Scotland relating to City of Edinburgh District Council.

assist in the making of arrangements whereby the public may on application readily obtain, either at premises specially maintained for the purpose or otherwise, information concerning the services available within the area of the authority provided either by the authority or by other authorities or by government departments or by charities and other voluntary organizations.

The question which arose was whether the expenditure referred to was contrary to law. In order to determine whether the expenditure had been legal or illegal, regard had to be had to the terms of sections 69 and 88 of the 1973 Act.

His Lordship was of the view that the production, supply, erection and display of the banners and other items did not constitute arrangements whereby the public might on application readily obtain at any premises information as to local government matters.

The use of the word "slogan" by the council in its resolutions was a slogan in the ordinary sense of the word. It was a slogan in the sense of a motto or a catch phrase. That being its purpose, it was plain that the slogan was adopted as a means of rallying support for the City of Edinburgh District Council in its opposition to the secretary of state's guidelines.

Law Report April 18 1988

Meaning of 'built' in relation to sale of vessels

Belgravia Navigation Company SA v Connor Shipping Ltd. Before Lord Justice Parker and Lord Justice Balcombe. [Judgment April 13]

LORD JUSTICE PARKER said that in 1984 by a memorandum of agreement on the standard Norwegian Saleform there was a sale of the vessel to the buyers. The form particularized it as "built... January 1971".

contract led inevitably to the meaning "building completed", subject to the de minimis exception. That being so the proper approach for the court was that set out by the House of Lords in Cavers v Brint (1973) AC 854, namely that the meaning

of an ordinary English word was to be ascertained, although it might be one for the fact-finding tribunal to decide taking all the circumstances of the case into consideration. Notwithstanding the vessel's first registration stated that it was built in 1970, the ar-

bitrator's award, based on decisions on the facts could not be interfered with. The buyers should be refused leave to appeal. Lord Justice Balcombe agreed. Solicitors: Elborne Mitchell, Sinclair Roche & Temperley.

Court cannot investigate merits of council decision to close school

Regina v Gwent County Council, Ex parte Bryant

The courts could not investigate the merits of a council's decision to close a school but could only determine whether that decision had been lawfully made.

Where an education authority had provided notice of its proposals to close a county maintained school and had submitted a proposal to the Secretary of State for Education with its statutory requirements

Mr Justice Hodgson so held on April 14 in the Queen's

proposals. HIS LORDSHIP said that the role of the court in such applications was strictly limited. The court had no right to investigate the merits of a decision but was restricted to determine whether that decision had been taken lawfully. Compliance had been made with section 12(1) of the Education Act 1980 in the publication of notices concerning the proposals and full and fair consultations with those interested in the proposals had been held.

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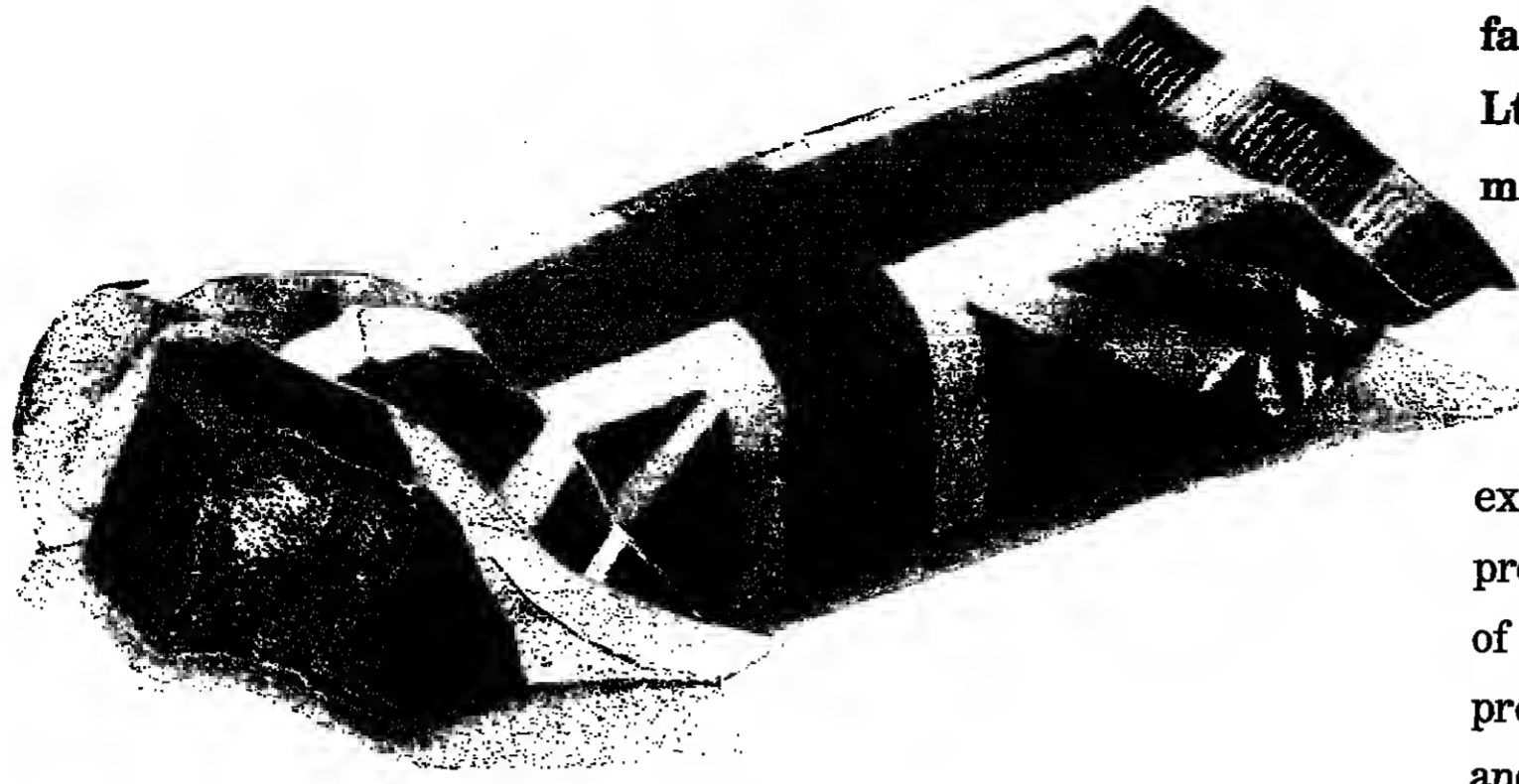
APPOINTMENTS
Steelcase Stratfor: Mr Charles Posnett becomes managing director.
Chrysalis Records: Mr Peter Robinson is made UK A&R director.

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Aggressive marketing has more than doubled trading profits since 1981, reaching some £57 million in 1987. So carefully planned management is achieving exciting profit growth.



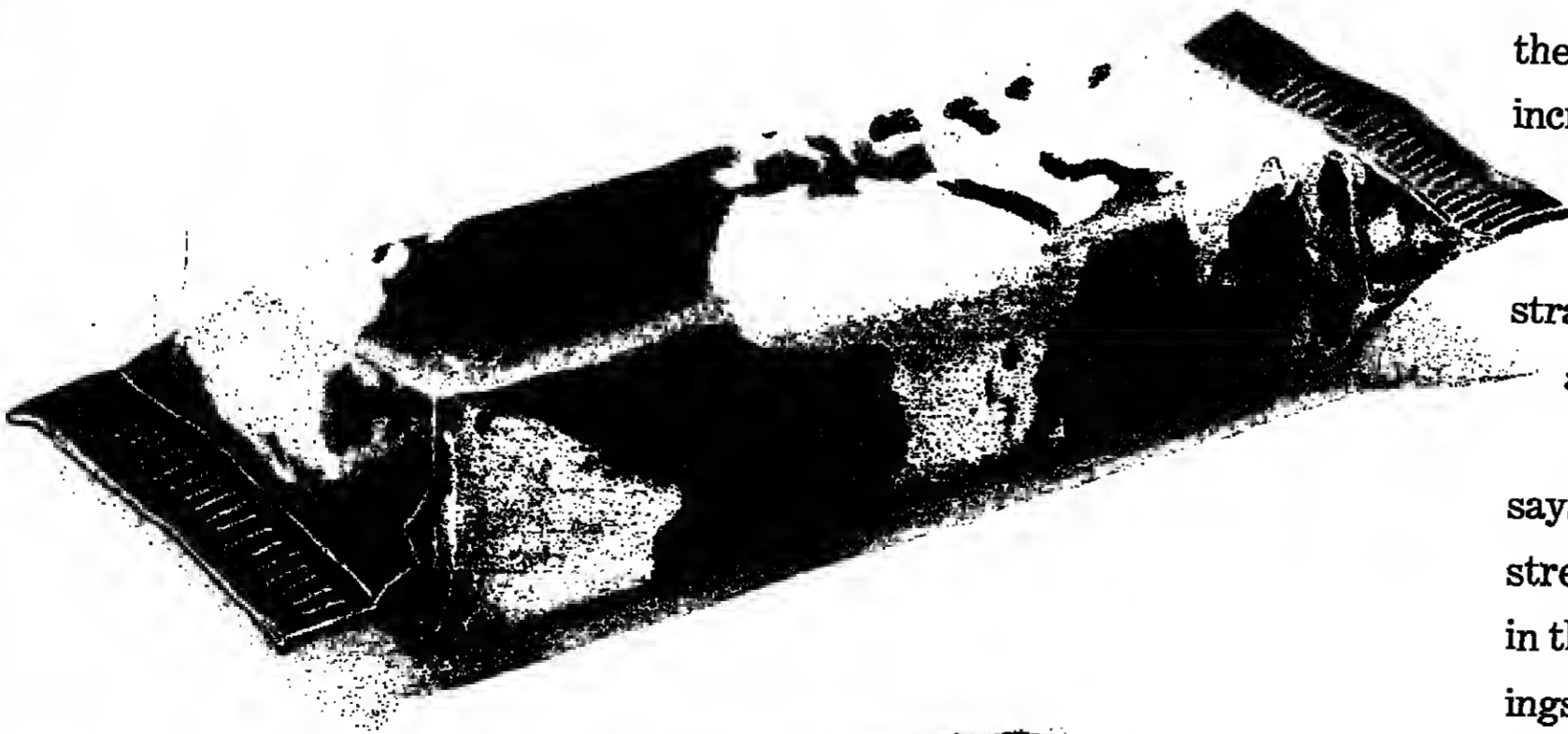
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BRITISH FUNDS

Stock out-staging Price Change Dividend Gross

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

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FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

Table with columns: No., Stock, Price, Change, Dividend, Gross. Lists various medium-term investments.

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

Table with columns: No., Stock, Price, Change, Dividend, Gross. Lists various long-term investments.

UNDATED

Table with columns: No., Stock, Price, Change, Dividend, Gross. Lists various undated investments.

INDEX-LINKED

Table with columns: No., Stock, Price, Change, Dividend, Gross. Lists various index-linked investments.

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Table with columns: Company, Price, Change, Dividend, Gross. Lists various bank and discount investments.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES Capitalization and change on week

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted) ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began April 11. Dealings end April 22. Settlement day April 25. Settlement day May 3. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are Friday's middle prices. Change, dividend, yield and P/E ratios are calculated on middle prices. (a) denotes Alpha Stocks.

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Prize winners Herbert Lutz Awards for Mathematics and Academic Achievement presented to Sub Lieutenant J. A. H. G. ...

The Duke of Kent represented the Queen at the Sovereign's Parade at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst on April 8.

The following have had their commissions confirmed in the Regiments, Corps shown, having completed Standard Graduate Course No 873: R. G. Adams, OGD HLRDS, Cambridge...

The following have had their commissions confirmed in the Regiments, Corps shown, having completed Women's Standard Course No 873: O. P. S. Andrews, RAEC, Cardiff...

The following overseas cadets also passed the Army Test of being commissioned in the Armed Forces of their countries: D. B. Amirth, Brunel...

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy COMMODORE R. H. BURN - Appointed Aide-Commandant to the Queen's...

Birthdays today Sir Walter Clegg, former MP, 68; Sir Roger de Grey, president, Royal Academy, 70; Mr Alan De Vereaux...

Appointments Latest appointments include: Mr Lyndon Davies to be a Deputy Traffic Commissioner in the South Wales Traffic Area.

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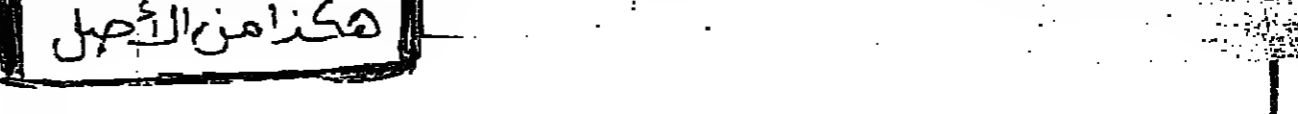
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LONDON MARATHON RESULTS

Three-hour barrier broken by 1,825

Here, exclusive to The Times, is the complete list of all the competitors who finished the Mars London Marathon inside three hours. The results have been provided by Tandem Computers, official suppliers of computers to the race. Tomorrow and on Wednesday The Times will publish the names and performances of all the other finishers.

- 1 Henrik Jorgensen (Den) 2:10:20
2 Kevin Forster (Eng) 2:10:52
3 Kazuyoshi Kudo (Jpn) 2:10:59
4 Hugh Jones (Eng) 2:11:08
5 David Long (Eng) 2:11:33
6 Allister Hutton (Sco) 2:11:42
7 Robert Staffin (Wg) 2:11:54
8 Carl Smith (Eng) 2:11:58
9 John Whervey (Eng) 2:12:18
10 Charles Spedding (Eng) 2:12:28
11 D Chavushoff (Fr) 2:12:39
12 Steve Entwistle (Eng) 2:12:58
13 Gerhard Hartmann (Aust) 2:13:25
14 Kenneth Stuart (Eng) 2:13:36
15 Joao Da Silva (Bra) 2:13:42
16 Peter Boleton (Can) 2:13:45
17 David Edge (Can) 2:14:10
18 Karl Harrison (Eng) 2:14:27
19 Kenneth Turtel (Tur) 2:14:51
20 Peter Lawton (Eng) 2:15:05
21 Thomas Echemann (Wg) 2:15:15
22 Jean Ellis (Wales) 2:15:41
23 Hiroshi Surliga (Jpn) 2:16:17
24 Peter Wain (Eng) 2:16:21
25 Svend Kristensen (Den) 2:16:23
26 Lindsay Robertson (Sco) 2:16:26
27 Fabio Castano (Por) 2:16:47
28 Zhang Guowen (Chn) 2:16:51
29 Mike Dyon (Can) 2:17:11
30 Chris Parkes (Eng) 2:17:10
31 Stuart Mackay (Eng) 2:18:10
32 Alberto Luciani (It) 2:18:19
33 Neil Smith (Eng) 2:18:34
34 Trevor Fildes (Eng) 2:18:49
35 Ole Hansen (Den) 2:18:49
36 Vicente Polo (Spain) 2:18:02
37 Andrew Giffing (Eng) 2:18:16
38 Keith Egan (Nor) 2:18:21
39 David McGrath (Eng) 2:18:40
40 Daniel Boltz (Aust) 2:18:45
41 Mike Gratton (Eng) 2:19:51
42 Anthony Simmons (Wg) 2:20:09
43 Terry Gifford (N Ire) 2:20:15
44 Yutaka Taketomi (Jpn) 2:20:23
45 Michael Halvorsen (Den) 2:20:37
46 George Williams (Ire) 2:20:38
47 Russell Foley (Aus) 2:20:54
48 Vito Corallo (It) 2:20:59
50 Willem Hermans (Bel) 2:21:07



Marathon effort: Ivan Newman makes the pace at Tower Bridge as does Henrik Jorgensen, in the Mall yesterday. (Photographs: Mark Aspland and Julian Herbert)

Vince takes wheelchair race but Bishop's day

Ted Vince, of Canada, the fastest man in the field, proved himself invincible in the wheelchair London Marathon, setting a course record of 2:41:45.

Karen Davidson again showed her supremacy over the other women. She held a steady pace throughout to reach a personal best time of 2:41:45 which was a course record.

Sixteen-year-old Adam Dennis, of Tottenham Tigers Club, achieved his ambition by winning the wheelchair mini-marathon over two miles in 12 minutes 40 seconds, defeating last year's winner, Oliver Jones, by four seconds in a



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Women fight for Olympic places

Way behind Ingrid Kristiansen, and well out of sight in the huge field of 22,469 starters, the battle was on among the rest of the women, both British and elsewhere, for Olympics places.

Susan Crehan took more than 15 minutes off her previous marathon best with 2:55:10 which placed her third Briton behind the American Ford and Susan Tooley.

The favoured Canadian, Jacqueline Gareau, (best of 2:57:27) was a victim of cramps in both thighs, fading to seventh (2:36:04) just ahead of another British Olympic contender, Angela P. Leeds.

By David Powell

Michael Gates took a coachload of supporters with him from Salton, near Brighton, to the Mars London Marathon yesterday and did not let them down.

With estimates that some 59 million would be raised for charity by marathon participants, Gates played his part. He finished "no problems at all" - in 3hr 32min. More importantly, he raised over £3,000 as a member of The Times/Tandem Computers London Marathon Appeal.

Gates was attempting his first marathon but knew the drill. He loaded up his pasta - "I think I have eaten 26 miles of it" - on Saturday night - and, unlike many who finish their debut marathon, he could not wait to get started again. "I am looking forward to New York now," he said.

Gates was running for the Kidney Patients' Association. His son, Michael John, aged five, has endured three failed

Pounding out the miles for pounds

children and the sponsor knew it was £460 well pledged. McCrow, from Hythe, ran 3:41, although he is claiming 3:38 for the time taken to cross the start line. When you are on the road for that length of time, the problems can be more worrying than those experienced by the leaders. "Boredom set in between 14 and 18 miles," McCrow confessed. "But once I down the Embankment the support was fantastic and I got over it."

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kidney transplants and time off work to take him for dialysis has, Gates suspects, cost him his job. Michael John seemed impressed. Reunited with dad at the finish, his first question was: "Where have you been?" Roger McCrow replied the kind of phone call on Friday that every charity runner dreams of. A sponsor said he would pay him a penny a yard. The benefactor, who lives in Germany, received a return phone call. "Do you realize that I made no difference: the Kerland Foundation, McCrow's chosen cause, helps brain damaged

Way behind Ingrid Kristiansen, and well out of sight in the huge field of 22,469 starters, the battle was on among the rest of the women, both British and elsewhere, for Olympics places.

Susan Crehan took more than 15 minutes off her previous marathon best with 2:55:10 which placed her third Briton behind the American Ford and Susan Tooley.

The favoured Canadian, Jacqueline Gareau, (best of 2:57:27) was a victim of cramps in both thighs, fading to seventh (2:36:04) just ahead of another British Olympic contender, Angela P. Leeds.

Fifty two women got inside three hours. They were:

- 1 Ingrid Kristiansen 2:54:11
2 Ann Ford 2:56:36
3 Susan Tooley 2:56:39
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6 Toni Schultz-Jensen 2:56:32
7 Jacqueline Gareau 2:56:34
8 Angela P. Leeds 2:56:31
9 Rosemary Day 2:57:07
10 Wang Qingjun 2:57:42
11 Alison Goodham 2:57:49
12 Steve Cottard 2:58:18
13 Dina Pappagou 2:58:40
14 Anne-Elen Hovestad 2:58:40
15 Oudun Hovestad 2:58:46
16 Heather MacDuff 2:59:02
17 Arne Hansen 2:59:25
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19 Arne Hansen 2:59:25
20 Zsuzsanna Szilagyi 2:59:26
21 Erica Staudemann 2:59:28
22 Linda Ruthmore 2:59:31
23 Paszdana Wangu-Bemini 2:59:32
24 John Carlsen 2:59:34
25 Tony Blair 2:59:37
26 Siri Jakobson 2:59:37

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FOOTBALL: RATHER THAN A SHOW OF GLORIOUS SKILL THE WEMBLEY FESTIVAL WAS EMPTY AND UNDIGNIFIED

The birthday party that flopped

By Stuart Jones Football Correspondent
The Football League was officially 100 years old yesterday and scarcely anybody bothered to turn up to celebrate.

scored from the spot. In leading Forest to the trophy, Pearce perfected the art.
He converted one in each of their four games but their goalkeeper was principally responsible for Forest (whose manager, Brian Clough, decided there were more productive ways of spending a free weekend than guiding his side) collecting a prize of £75,000.

quality. Tranmere will remember their achievements on the country's grandest stage. Everything else thrown haphazardly into the centenary plans deserved to be instantly forgotten.
The programme was initially proposed by CSS Promotions, agreed by the members of the management committee and accepted by the 92 clubs.

end was also ill-conceived. The assumption that several London clubs would qualify, bring their supporters and so guarantee that a few sections of the national stadium would be filled, proved to be sadly misplaced.
The organizers, concerned that the larger northern clubs had sold only handfuls of tickets, even invited them to withdraw.

regular side. Everton and Manchester United should accept a portion of the blame. Had they temporarily put aside their own priorities and acted on behalf of the game as a whole, they could have stirred more interest within their local communities.
In widening the field to accommodate smaller clubs, the schedule became too protracted and, consequently, too thin.

Butcher is still not ruled out

By Stuart Jones
Bobby Robson has yet to concede that Terry Butcher will not be available for the finals of the European Championship. But England's most reliable defender will not be included tomorrow in the squad for next week's visit to Hungary and must now be considered an unlikely candidate for selection in six weeks.
Butcher's recuperation from a broken leg has been unexpectedly prolonged — effectively until the end of the season — at Glasgow Rangers.

Lincoln policy begins to look like a good bet

By Paul Newman
Lincoln City's bold gamble of retaining a full-time playing staff after being relegated from the Football League last year is on the verge of paying off.
Victory at Sincil Bank on Saturday, combined with Barnet's 2-1 defeat at Northwich Victoria and Kettering Town's 2-2 draw at home to Sutton United, leaves Lincoln one point behind Barnet, the GM Vauxhall Conference leaders, with two games in hand.



Overdrive: Carr, of Forest, shows his skills at Wembley (Photograph: Tommy Hindley)

SNOOKER

Mouth-watering prospect for the Scottish prince

By Steve Atkinson
World champion but the youngest ever.
Stephen Hendry and Alex Higgins were the leading contenders for the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield yesterday featured an Embassy World Championship Production of The Prince and the Pauper.

TENNIS

Winning margin flatters Croydon

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent
Croydon Direct Liners won the Mortgage Corporate national league by beating Bourne-mouth Yama Aces in the final at the Surrey Tennis Country Club, Wallington yesterday. The official margin was 11 points to 4, but that does not do justice to the way the final swung from one team to the other.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

Table containing football league tables for various divisions including Premier, First, Second, and Third divisions, along with results for other leagues like the GM Vauxhall Conference and Barclays League.

SQUASH RACKETS

Persistent Devoy battles on

By Colin McQuillan
Susan Devoy, the world champion from New Zealand, will tonight defend her Hi-Tec British Open championship at Wembley convinced that nothing else might meet in the final can equal the assault launched upon her by Lucy Souter.

HOCKEY

Middlesex good value for title

By Sydney Friskin
Middlesex achieved an outstanding record by winning the county championship for the fifth time after beating Worcestershire, last year's winners, in the final at Beeston, Nottingham yesterday.

BADMINTON

Fame of Hall is ensured

By Richard Eaton
Darren Hall, the national champion from Essex, became the first Englishman to win the European title and also the first European to beat Mogens Frost, one of the game's greatest players, when he outlasted the title-holder 8-15, 15-12, 15-9 in Kristiansund, Norway, on Saturday.

WELSH DEFEND

Irish at bay

Inland, defending the triple crown, managed only a 1-1 draw against Wales in the women's international at Cardiff on Saturday, drawing level in the second half after Crowley had scored against the run of play (Joyce Whitehead writes). In a match of unbounded energy but little skill, Elms, the Welsh goalkeeper, was outstanding, particularly in the second half.

CYCLING

Smith regains Olympic form

Karl Smith, who was dropped from the Olympic squad after last season, is knocking on the selector's door again (Peter Bryant writes).
Last week he finished second overall to Ian Fagan, a professional, in the Irish Milk race, laying the foundation for his best ride of the year yesterday, when he gambled on a solo breakaway to win the Folkestone-Charing-Folkestone international grand prix. Smith, aged 17, from Blackburn, came fourth in the event last year.

WELSH DEFEND

England win

England's young team continued to grow in stature when they defeated Scotland 2-0 in the first match of the home countries championship in Stirling on Saturday (Cathy Harris writes).
Although not a flawless performance, the relatively inexperienced side coped admirably with a much-improved Scottish team. England's domination of the game suggests that they have an excellent chance of regaining the triple crown.

POOLS CHECK

A small table or grid containing numerical data, likely related to pool games or a specific sports schedule.

Watering... for the... prince...

Couples hoping to put his Phoenix memory to flight

From Mitchell Peck, Golf Correspondent, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina
Fred Couples, of the United States, led the South African David Frost by one shot as the final round of the MCI Heritage Classic unfolded on the Harbour Town course here yesterday.

McNulty returns to profit

From Mel Webb, Cannes
accelerating past the field. His near-perfect round of 66 gave him victory by three shots from Ron Commans, of the United States, who had led since the second round and his compatriot, Joey Sindelar.



Hooked: Robbinson in attacking form yesterday (Photograph: Chris Cole)

Bowler wields a deadly bat

By Tony Winlaw
Barnett's 151 was the record Derbyshire score against Cambridge but the freshman Fenner deserved his wicket with a leg-before.

Robinson enjoys the fruits of a new-found style

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

LORD'S (Nottinghamshire won toss): MCC, with three first innings wickets in hand, are 139 runs behind Nottinghamshire. To all of those with England this in New Zealand and means every winter, and that means every one in the MCC team, Tim Robinson was a revelation at Lord's yesterday.

Motivation plays important role

By Barry Pickthall
The selection of Crewsearch finalists to represent the South West in the climax of this nationwide scheme, sponsored jointly by The Times and James Capel, to identify tomorrow's international yachtsmen.

Reaction mixed to de Savary

By Barry Pickthall
Peter de Savary's challenge for the America's Cup in September has received welcome approval from New Zealand and cautious acceptance from the Californians yesterday.

Rain hampers Oxford

THE PARKS (Leicestershire won the toss): Oxford University have scored 66 for three against Leicestershire. Rain reduced play to just two hours on Saturday and after waiting for the rain to stop, the Leicestershire captain, had no hesitation in asking the students to take first use of a green pitch.

Leigh go down fighting

By Keith Macklin
Salford were celebrating last night. Their 36-16 victory over Halifax enabled them to avoid relegation, while sentencing Leigh to the second division.

Badminton... Fame of Hall is ensured...

CREWSEARCH advertisement featuring James Capel and sailing details.

FOR THE RECORD section listing various sports results including Athletics, Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Boxing, Canoeing, Cycling, Cricket, Golf, Gymnastics, Horse Trials, Judo, Lawn Tennis, Motor Sport, Orienteering, Rackets, Rowing, Rugby Union, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, and Water Polo.

RUGBY LEAGUE section listing various league results and fixtures.

Bontas stirs memories of Comaneci

Cristina Bontas, aged 14, the Romanian junior champion, evoked memories of the great Nadia Comaneci when she won the World Junior Championships All tournament at Birmingham on Saturday (Peter Aykroyd writes).

Todd and Bahlua jump ahead of King Boris

Mark Todd, the Olympic individual gold medal from New Zealand, and Bahlua, his back-up to his top horse, Charisma, won their advanced section of the Dalhousie Brigstocke Horse Trials in Northamptonshire.

Damiani defence

Milan (AFP) - Francesco Damiani, of Italy, will defend his European heavyweight boxing title against John Emmen, of The Netherlands, here on April 22.

